

Wrapping Not Necessary For This Kind Of Gift

What kind of gift wrap do you use for a \$9,325,493 present?

During the fiscal year 1975-76 the broadcast industry wrapped that kind of present in air waves and presented it to Baptists in the form of free air time for programs produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is the world's largest producer of religious programs for airing on radio and television.

The \$9 million plus figure does not include time given the Radio and Television Commission by the nation's three major networks.

"We estimate the value of time from ABC, CBS, and NBC to be approximately \$500,000 during this fiscal year," said Jerome Pillow, the Commission's vice president, marketing services.

The additional figure from the networks raises the total value of the time given Baptist programming to \$9,325,493 — or nearly \$10 million.

"The nearly \$10 million worth of free time is quite a contrast to the amount of time given the Commission in its early days," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president.

"In 1941 when the Southern Baptist Radio Committee began its ministry to the masses with 'The Baptist Hour,' it was broadcast on 17 radio stations. We

were given approximately \$10,000 free air time."

Thirty years later, by 1971, the total public service time contributed to Baptists by broadcasters had grown to \$5,887,691.

"And it has taken the Commission only five years to nearly double that figure," said Stevens.

Pillow said Commission records indicate that Baptists had at least one program on 544 different radio and television stations at some time during this past fiscal year.

"Currently, 2,731 stations air either a Commission-produced radio or television program weekly," said Pillow. "This represents approximately 5 per cent gain over last year's weekly stations."

Commission-produced programs aired during this free time include "The Baptist Hour," "MasterControl," "Powerline," "Country Crossroads," "SoulSearchers," "Night-song," for radio, and "The Human Dimension" and "JOT," for television.

Two new television series, "Listen" and "The Athletes," have been released by the Radio and Television Commission this year.

Network programs are regularly produced by the Radio and Television Commission in cooperation with ABC, NBC, and CBS for their "Directions" and "Lamp Unto My Feet" series as well as for hour-long programs.

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Woman's Missionary Union

Weatherford Is Featured Speaker For Annual Meet

The 96th annual meeting of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will convene in the Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo on March 21-23.

Evening sessions on Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. while day sessions will extend from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. and the Tuesday afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Featured during the Monday night meeting will be Robert Hamblin, pastor of the host church and president of

the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in a message on state missions. The Blue Mountain College Choir will present special music during the evening.

Tuesday morning will be highlighted by messages from Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and Mrs. Robert (Frances) Smira, president, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Parents of Mississippi missionaries will be special guests during this session and will be honored at a luncheon at noon time.

Home missions will be featured Tuesday afternoon in a presentation led by Rodney Webb, of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and men in the state who are jointly sponsored by home and state missions. Calvin Isaac, Chief of the Mississippi Choctaw Nation, will present his Christian testimony and the influence of home missions in his life.

Tuesday night has been designated as youth night and girls in GAs, Ac- teens and young women in Baptist Young Women are urged to attend. BYWs in the Tupelo area will provide special music. There will be a "Meet the Missionaries" time for girls and women to meet and secure autographs from the program personnel.

The convention will be concluded on Wednesday morning. Carolyn Weatherford will speak, as will Marjean Patterson and James Richardson, Foreign Mission Board member from Mississippi.

Foreign missionaries on furlough in Mississippi will speak during the various sessions and will be available for autographs on Tuesday evening.

One of the features of each session will be a dramatic monologue on the life of one of the presidents of Mississippi WMU. These monologues, given by Jan Cossitt, activities director, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will

portray something of the lives of some of our presidents, set in the context of what was happening in WMU during the time these women served as state presidents.

Music at each of the sessions will be led by Mrs. Nan Grantham, Music Assistant, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

Officers of Mississippi WMU are Mrs. Robert Smira, Jackson, president; Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Woodville, vice president; Mrs. John Causey, Corinth, secretary; and Mrs. Joel Ray, Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.



Hamblin



Weatherford



Smira



Richardson

State BSU Appoints 47 As Summer Missionaries

This year 47 Mississippi college students will represent their Baptist Student Union serving as summer missionaries in 25 state Baptist convention areas and six foreign countries.

The BSU summer missions program is jointly sponsored by state departments of student work, National Student Ministries of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board.

The missionaries, chosen by a panel of BSU directors and fellow students, receive no salary. Their room and board is furnished by the personnel on the field where they serve — usually missionaries themselves serve as supervisors. And transportation and other expenses are provided by gifts donated by students in the individual BSUs themselves during the school year. No church is solicited for contributions.

Mississippi Baptist students pledged \$30,000 for 1977.

Fourteen schools are represented in the group of missionaries serving 10 week terms this summer. They will work in the full range of mission activities from recreation to evangelism, in inner cities, in rural outposts, from nursing to resort work.

Ralph Winders directs the Department of Student Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The place of service, name, hometown, and school of each Mississippi summer missionary follows:

Bahamas, Barbara Smith, Greenville, Mississippi College; Bangladesh, Steve Hooker, Perkinson, William Carey; India, Patricia Colville, Ruston, LA, Mississippi College; Israel, John Stanley, Braxton, Mississippi College; Malaysia-Singapore, Bob Gross, Tupelo, Miss. State University; Zambia, Eddie Broadhead, Meridian, Mississippi College.

Zambia, Al Fike, Leakesville, William Carey; Zambia, Loretta Reynolds, Grove Hill, AL, University of Southern Miss.; Zambia, Kathy,

Staggs, Eupora, Ole Miss; Alaska, Paul Rodgers, Hobart, IN, William Carey; Alaska, Lisa Brannan, Lucedale, William Carey; Arizona, Marcia Brewer, Gautier, William Carey; Arizona, Carolyn Feather, Clarksdale, Miss. Delta Junior College.

California, Doug Taylor, Leakesville, Mississippi College; California, Cathie Bythewood, Partlow, VA, Mississippi College; Colorado, Bonnie Cruse, Pontotoc, Blue Mountain; Georgia, Julie Latham, Forkville, East Central Junior College; Hawaii, Cindi Gardner, McComb, University of Southern Miss.; Illinois, Melanie Taylor, Grenada, Mississippi College; Indiana, Janeth Marshall, Brookhaven, Southwest Junior College; Indiana, Dorothy Bowman, Alexandria, LA, Mississippi College.

Kansas/Nebraska, Mary Winters, Natchez, William Carey; Kentucky, Judi Jones, Laurel, William Carey; Maryland, Barbara Waddle, New Albany, Northeast Junior College; Maryland, Elisha Adams, Terry, Miss. State University; Michigan, Robbin Raulerson, St. George, GA, William Carey; Michigan, Cindy Wilson, Magnolia, Southwest Junior College; Minnesota/Wisconsin, Janet Lyle, Jackson, Ole Miss; Missouri, Susan Underwood, Douglasville, GA, University of Southern Miss.

Nevada, Joanne Myrick, Laurel,

William Carey; New England, Valerie Brewer, Cleveland, Delta State University; New England, Paula Smith, N. Carrollton, William Carey; New England, Ronald Killebrew, Greenwood, Mississippi College; New Eng-

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Officials Face Problems Of Sex, Violence On TV

WASHINGTON (BP) — Witnesses before the House Commerce Subcommittee on Communications agreed that too much sex and violence on television is a serious problem.

Agreement ended at that point. Wilson C. Wearn, chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), stated, "I personally believe that there are too many violent acts and offensive displays of sex on television." He then described the process he follows when complaints are received at the station he is licensed to operate in Greenville, S.C.

"We make note of them and make sure that our program people are aware of them. If the complaint is about a network presentation, then we notify the network and find that they

usually contact the complaining individual," Wearn continued.

A written statement by two staffers of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention declared that one day of hearings is not enough "given the widespread concern of the American people about television programming and the documentable need for improvement."

"More hearings are in order and should be held soon," declared the statement by C. Welton Gaddy and Harry N. Hollis Jr., read into the record by U. S. Rep. Albert Gore Jr. (D-Tenn.).

"In addition to listening to network officials and personnel from television-related public agencies, we believe you need to hear from other segments of the American public," the statement said.

It added that the Christian Life Commission will make the results of hearings and other television research it has conducted available to the subcommittee.

George Gerbner, dean of the University of Pennsylvania's school of communications, testified that a study he recently completed showed "television violence increased sharply in all categories . . . on all three networks" from 1975 to 1976. He said NBC had the highest content, with ABC second and

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SBC Missionaries Remain In Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya — Six Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda plan to remain in Kenya for an indefinite period, field representative John R. Cheyne said here March 7.

Cheyne said he met with the three couples Sunday night, March 6, and they came to this decision. Cheyne said the latest reports indicate that none of the Christians affiliated with the Southern Baptist work in Uganda have been harmed.

The three couples were out of Uganda when President Idi Amin first ordered Americans to report to him. Two of the couples, Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll of West Virginia and

Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin of Texas, went to Nairobi the weekend of Feb. 19-20, to be with their children over a school holiday. Their children attend Rift Valley Academy, a board school outside Nairobi.

The third couple, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice of Virginia, went to Nairobi to attend a Feb. 22 meeting with other missionaries from the area. They all decided to remain in Kenya at least while Americans were prohibited from leaving the country. That prohibition has since been rescinded.

Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area

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Baptist Leaders Discuss Canadian Baptist Affinity

NASHVILLE (BP) — More than 50 Southern Baptist leaders and agency representatives met here to share their views on the best ways to encourage some 35 congregations in western Canada who identify themselves as Southern Baptists.

The fact-finding meeting was called by a special Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board committee which is seeking to prepare a recommendation for presentation to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in June.

Representatives of the Northwest Baptist Convention, with which the Canadian churches in question are affiliated, suggested at the meeting that the committee could recommend ways to free SBC agencies to provide further assistance to the Canadian Baptists. Expressions from others at the meeting favored that suggestion.

The Northwest Convention did not request that the SBC constitution be changed to allow seating of Canadian Baptist messengers at SBC annual sessions, but expressed a concern that further avenues of assistance be open to them.

At last year's SBC annual meeting, Hazen Simpson of California moved that the convention "immediately ex-

tend encouragement to Southern Baptists dwelling and working in Canada by financial assistance plus any and all other means of support that we make available to ministry outside of the United States and its territory."

After discussion and an attempt to refer the matter to SBC members of the North American Baptist Fellowship, convention messengers voted to refer the motion to the SBC Foreign Mission Board for study.

The consultation here was planned immediately following the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee to obtain counsel from a broad spectrum of SBC leadership, including leaders of Southern Baptist agencies and institutions. Also attending were representatives of the Canadian churches and the Northwest Baptist Convention (formerly known as the Oregon-Washington Convention), which since 1962 has been helping the young churches of Canada's western provinces.

Allen Schmidt, pastor of a Canadian Baptist church, is president of the Northwest Convention, one of 33 state conventions covering Southern Baptist work in 50 states.

Others taking part included

Simpson, the maker of the original motion; Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky., pastor and former SBC president, who spoke to the motion at the convention; and SBC President James L. Sullivan of Nashville.

Executive Director Baker J. Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board and J. R. White of Alabama, chairman of the board's special committee studying the motion, said the fact-finding meeting had been both inspiring and fruitful. The eight-person committee expects to meet again before completing its recommendations.

Other committee members are M. Hunter Riggins of Virginia, vice chairman; William O. Crews Jr. of Oregon, William L. Self of Georgia, Rollin S. Burhans of Kentucky, Grady Wilson of North Carolina, Travis S. Berry of Texas, and James G. Harris of Texas, president of the Foreign Mission Board.

In the past 20 years the work in Canada has grown from one church to some 35 now listed as members of the Canadian Baptist Conference (SBC). Total membership in these congregations, as reported in 1976, was 1,631; with 2,415 enrolled in Sunday School.

February CP Gains 57%

Cooperative Program receipts from Mississippi Baptist churches through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for February of this year were up \$248,273 over the same period of last year, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, Convention Board secretary-treasurer.

The total for February of 1977 was \$683,753, which was a 57 per cent increase over last year. The total for the first two months of 1977 has amounted to \$1,238,935, which is \$88,927 or a 7.7 per cent increase over last year. It is \$161,065 short of the pro rata figures for the first two months as applied to the annual budget of \$8.4 million, however.

"As we face our own Decade of Advance to 1985 and the Bold Mission Thrust through the remainder of this decade and this century, we must think of meeting the financial needs of our witnessing efforts," Kelly said.

He pointed out that Southern Baptists have taken upon themselves the task of making the gospel available to every person in the United States before the end of the decade and to every person in the world before the end of the century. "If these dreams are to become reality, we must back them up with the financial support needed," he said.



Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned to Soroti and Jinja, where Bible schools are located. Southern Baptists opened work in Uganda in 1962 with a small mobile clinic. The Baptist Convention of Uganda, formed in 1970, has continued its work throughout the period of change to military rule, which has been the form of government since 1971. Although a number of missionaries have been reassigned to other countries, three couples now constitute the mission in the country. The distances on the map are estimates from missionary stations to the most accessible border crossing. (BP photo) See related story, Page 2.

Prime Time 'Mary Hartman' Under Fire In Cleveland

CLEVELAND (RNS) — The religious community in Greater Cleveland has strongly protested the rescheduling of the TV program, "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman," to prime time, holding that it is not proper family entertainment.

Station WJW-TV, Channel 8, has announced that the program will be moved from 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 28. Viewers opposed to the move have been urged to vigorously protest the change.

The religion editor of The Plain Dealer of Cleveland observed in an article that five minutes of watching one recent episode "should have been enough to convince viewers that the show is not fit for what has been traditionally the family hour for children."

Describing one five-minute segment, Darrell Holland said "it was unbelievably in poor taste. It depicted a conversation between a distraught husband and his wife." (The man, meanwhile, is characterized as a less-than-faithful husband.)

"The wife was informing her husband of an affair she was having, and the husband was very upset. The sexual escapade was with another wo-

man," he wrote. "It is little wonder that there has been a strong protest from the religious community about moving the program to an hour when many children watch television... It certainly is not proper television for children."

Joseph H. Kraker, director of communication for the Cleveland Catholic diocese, has asked concerned viewers to protest the change by writing to Channel 8, by not watching the program when the time change is made, and by writing to each sponsor to "congratulate them on losing you as a customer," and by boycotting Channel 8 news programs.

Joining in the protests are the communications commissions of the Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council and the executive board of the Radio-Television Council of Greater Cleveland.

The "Mary Hartman" time change was made possible by the recent court decision that the family-hour concept was unconstitutional.

Kraker said Channel 8 has shown no sensitivity to community needs regarding the re-scheduling of the "Mary Hartman" show. He said "the

station has said it will run the program during the hour when many children will be watching despite hundreds of letters of protest."

"The airways belong to the public, and television producers do not have the right to determine alone what Americans can watch on TV," said Kraker, who initiated the public campaign to halt the rescheduling of "Mary Hartman." He celebrates Mass on Channel 8 each Sunday morning in a public service program and has appeared often on television and radio here.

"We are not trying to get the station to take it (the Hartman program) off the air, but to keep it at a time when generally only adults are viewers," Kraker said.

He said adults "may understand that the show, with its low morals, is a farce, but children do not have a sufficient level of understanding to know it is a farce."

Kraker said if the station does not leave the program in its 11:30 p.m. time slot, he will try to get the Federal Communications Commission to withhold renewal of the station's license in 1979.

Violence

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CBS third in overall programming. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Richard Wiley, who admitted portrayal of violence on television is a problem but said it should be handled without government censorship, called Gerbner's findings "disheartening and disturbing."

Vincent T. Wasilewski, NAB president, also acknowledged pressure from the public over violence on television and "its possible effect on the youth of this nation. We recognize it as a problem now, as we have in the past, but the difficulty arises when we talk about how to define it, and then what to do about it once we do agree that it is objectionable to some segments of the public."

Robert Stubblefield, speaking for the American Medical Association, reported to the subcommittee the AMA's action in June of 1976 adopting a "policy that television violence is an environmental hazard threatening the health and welfare of young Americans and indeed our future society."

U. S. Rep. John M. Murphy (D-N.Y.) reminded the subcommittee of the results of the study conducted by the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee on Television and Social Behavior, released in 1972. The surgeon general reported at that time, "It is clear that the causal relationship between televised violence and antisocial behavior is sufficient to warrant appropriate and immediate remedial action."

Murphy cited several other medical studies supporting the surgeon general's view and then noted, "Despite the accumulation of definitive evidence that there is a causal relationship between televised violence and resultant aggressive behavior, such violence in all its forms is still very much with us. An evening in front of a television set most decidedly tells us that."

Frederick S. Pierce, president of ABC Television, told the subcommittee that ABC now has less violence in its programming than previously. "The facts are that programs which may include incidents of violence represent a diminishing percentage of ABC's overall prime time schedule," he said.

Industry representatives justified the continuing use of violence in various ways. Pierce noted, "Throughout history, the essence of some drama has been conflict, and in such works violence has always been one means to resolve conflict."

Wearn stated that violence is a part of our society which television mirrors. "We will (do something about offensive programming) even though we have no real hard evidence that television violence is the sole cause of any actual violence in this nation. We will act although we believe the reduction of violence on television will be just a drop in the bucket, when one considers all the other models of violent conduct that will continue to be available in our society," Wearn said.

Wasilewski expressed fear of governmental control of broadcasting as a result of the problem of violence on television. "When a problem does exist, such as violence on television, we know it will be up to us to deal with it through self-regulation and self-discipline," he said.

Remain In Kenya

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secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, will be meeting with the missionaries later in the month as they work out their future plans.

The Ugandan government has been the center of worldwide attention in the wake of news reports filtering out of Africa, which claim a purge of Christians is underway and that Amin murdered Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum. Amin denies the reports.

The Rices are both from Christiansburg, Va. Garvin was born in Anson, Tex., and his wife in Hamby, Tex. Carroll is a native of Bluefield, W. Va.; and his wife was born in Lakeland, Fla.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Riyadh Saudi Arabia (RNS) — King Khalid of Saudi Arabia decreed that prayers be offered throughout his country on Jan. 24 imploring Allah to send rain to drought-stricken Saudi provinces. Quoting from the Koran, Islam's holy book, in a nationwide broadcast statement, the king said: "All disasters are but the result of... sins and wrongdoing."

New York (RNS) — The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has appealed to the U. S. State Department and the Universal Postal Union to help remove a ban against sending matzoh to the USSR. The Soviet Union recently imposed a postal restriction which would bar some 25,000 individual packages of matzoh which were to be shipped to the USSR for use by Jews during the coming Passover. Matzoh, unleavened bread, is eaten by Jews around the world as a historic tradition commemorating the flight of their ancestors from Egypt. The eight-day Passover festival begins this year at sundown April 2.

Bluefield, Va. (BP) — Bluefield College's tuition-free senior citizen program which received wide recognition at its inception last September has now been broadened to include more people. According to Gary Poulton, the Baptist college's director of development, the program now defines senior citizens as any person who has reached the age of 60 and has been extended by the college administration to any person permanently disabled and retired for health reasons. The original programs admitted only persons 65 and older on a tuition-free basis.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Philadelphia's Catholic elementary schools have been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to hold union representation elections for lay teachers in the schools. But opponents of the NLRB order — Catholic pastors and the archdiocese — claim that the federal agency has no business interfering in the business of a religious institution. They claim that the federal government, through the Supreme Court, has held that Catholic schools are religious and ineligible for public aid, but that now the labor relations body is claiming the Catholic schools are secular and must submit to federal authority.

Johannesburg (RNS) — The Transvaal provincial government has ordered the Roman Catholic Church to expel non-white students recently admitted to four of its schools in open defiance of South Africa's racial segregation laws. Catholic officials here refused to comply with the order.

Salt Lake City (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph Lennox Federal of Salt Lake City has asked Catholics in the state to pray for rain or snow. "Everyone is aware that we have had an unbelievably mild winter that has brought us very little precipitation," he said. "This means that water for all purposes is in short measure and that the situation will become worse if the next few months do not bring more snow and rain to our mountains and valleys."

Providence, R. I. (RNS) — Proposed legislation authorizing the city of Newport to impose a fee for city services to tax-exempt non-profit organizations was viewed as a good idea for the entire state at a Senate Corporations Committee meeting here. Sen. Charles G. Thomas, Newport Democrat, sponsor of the bill, told the committee that the idea is to levy a charge upon a non-profit firm for use of such services as sewers, water, and fire and police protection. Religious leaders have been silent, although the proposal clearly applies to church and religious groups as well.

New York (RNS) — Leaders of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), and bishops of the United Methodist Church have expressed concern about the death of Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum and the general situation in Uganda. Robert Dennis, BWA general secretary, said "reports coming from Uganda are a severe disappointment to all of us who seek worldwide recognition of human rights and the sanctity of all people before God."

Salem, Ore. (RNS) — A cross will continue to stand in Skinner's Butte park in Eugene by order of Oregon's Supreme Court. The court ruled, 4 to 3, that Eugene had a right to establish the cross as a war memorial by vote of the people. The majority overrode decisions by the circuit court which first heard it and the Oregon Appeals Court. It held that erection of the cross does not violate U.S. Supreme Court rulings because its purpose is secular and it does not foster or hinder religion or entangle Eugene in religious matters.

Pittsburgh (RNS) — Leaders of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) agreed here that it is premature to set a timetable for a proposed merger of the two denominations. Instead, they will propose that their respective governing bodies agree to two years of conversations among people at all levels before deciding formally whether to consider union.

Building Bridges To Brotherhood

By William Carey BSU

The BSU at William Carey College has been involved the past several weeks in a campus-wide Race Relation Emphasis. The theme that was adopted for this emphasis was "Building Bridges to Brotherhood."

Among the main speakers for the week was John Perkins from Jackson who began the Voice of Calvary Missions in Mendenhall and Jackson. Activities included a dialogue with a group of prominent city pastors; a visit to the Black New Ebenezer Baptist Church; on campus Black worship experiences; and discussions held by Dr. Graham Hales, the Chaplain of USM, and by Dr. Downey, Professor of Music History at William Carey, who has done research in the area of the black worship experience.

The week proved to be a very profitable time of search and introspection. Many questions, reasons, and circumstances were explored concerning the inconsistency of Biblical Brotherhood and our contemporary problem of religious and worship segregation.

Though not many answers were discovered, the BSU at William Carey feels that it has made a necessary step towards race reconciliation. Some of the significant questions raised by students and administration during the week were:

When all facets of our society, for all practical purposes, has integrated, why does the church which is supposed to be the epitome of acceptance and brotherhood remain the last "Bastille" of segregation?

Can Southern Baptists truly call themselves "Evangelicals" when they can tell someone about the love of Christ and not feel free to invite them to their church the next Sunday if they are not a certain color?

Should we allow the excuse of cultural and social differences to prevent us from initiating medication to heal the wounds of division and from striving for the unification of all Christian peoples into one body; Black and White, rich and poor, Christian and Christian.

It is our most divine wish that the Christians and churches of Mississippi will confront this issue anew in the spirit of our all-encompassing Lord Christ and will not only open the doors of their churches to everyone, but will encourage attendance, membership and participation from those groups from which we have alienated ourselves. William Carey's BSU invites your response to any of the questions on statements made in this article. May the love of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus conquer all our hatred and begin to "Build Bridges to Brotherhood."

(Note: This article was written by BSU members at William Carey College and sent to the Baptist Record by the BSU Council which voted unanimously its backing and full support of its contents.)

Gulfshore Rebuilding

The main building at Gulfshore assembly grounds takes form as the concrete skeleton rises from the ground. Completion of the rebuilding the facility is scheduled for late this year with a full slate of activities anticipated for 1978. The former buildings of the assembly were destroyed by Hurricane Camille in August of 1969.

15 Years In Uganda

RICHMOND (BP) — Since Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) missionaries began work in the East African nation of Uganda in 1962, their work, in cooperation with national Christians, has resulted in 75 Baptist churches with 5,850 members and 67 national pastors.

Total Baptist statistics in the country, according to the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), show 106 Baptist churches with 6,366 members.

The more than 10 million people of landlocked Uganda won their independence in 1962, but the country, currently under military rule, remains a member of the British Commonwealth.

The current government, in power since 1971, has been drawing worldwide headlines with news reports saying that Ugandan President Idi Amin has been purging Christians, including the alleged murder of Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum. Amin denies the charges.

Three Southern Baptist missionary couples stationed in the country were on a weekend visit to Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 19-22, when Amin, apparently disturbed by comments by U. S. leaders about his government, put an embargo on Americans leaving the country and ordered some 200 of them in the country to meet with him. Amin has since suspended that order.

Southern Baptists first opened work in Uganda with a mobile medical clinic. Missionaries are now assigned to the cities of Jinja and Soroti. Also, in the capital, Kampala, missionaries report encouraging response to work in several evangelistic centers.

In 1970, the Baptist Convention of Uganda was formed and, with its leaders, has continued Baptist work and witness. Although a number of Southern Baptist missionaries were reassigned to other countries because of the uncertainties of future development in Uganda, the three couples remain under appointment to serve there.

At present four Bible schools operate at Jinja, Mbala, Fort Portal and Soroti. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll are stationed at Jinja. Rice is business manager and treasurer for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Uganda. Both he and his wife are also in language study. Carroll is an advisor for local churches in evangelism and membership training.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin are stationed in Soroti, where he is field evangelist and principal of a Baptist Bible School. Area pastors attend the Bible School five days each month and are graduated after a two-year course of study. Mrs. Garvin conducts a Bible School for the pastor's wives two or three days each month.

Lower Drinking Age Makes Higher Crime

AUGUSTA, Me. (RNS) — Juvenile crime has increased and drinking problems have spread to the elementary school since Maine's legal drinking age was lowered to 18, it was reported here.

That was the argument of proponents of bills designed to raise the drinking age in Maine from 18 to 19, 20 or 21 years of age at a hearing before the Maine Legislature's Liquor Control Committee.

Opponents of the measure told the 300 legislators, police officer, parents, teachers and students that more attention should be paid to education about alcohol abuse than raising the drinking age. Proponents cited instances of students arriving drunk at school and insisted that the lowered drinking age of 18 accounts for increases in vandalism and highway accidents.

Sen. Walter W. Hichens (R-Eliot) reported that last year 80 per cent of arrests involving juveniles were for violation of liquor laws. Sen. Charles P. Pray (D-Millinocket) declared, "I have yet to hear any body state that by raising the drinking age they will be able to halt the availability of liquor to minors."

Youths Plan Takeover Of Baptist Churches

NASHVILLE — Many Southern Baptist churches are expecting a youth takeover in March.

During Youth Week, March 13-20, many adult church leaders will be stepping down and youth will be stepping up to assume temporary leadership positions. The results can be beneficial to adults as well as youth, according to Larry Yarborough, youth work consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department.

"Youth Week hopefully will give youths a better understanding of leadership roles in the church," Yarborough says, "and in turn it can help adults recognize the significant contributions youth can make in the life of the church."

Yarborough suggests that a steering committee, comprised of several youth and adults who work with youth, be formed to map out plans for the week.

"The committee can consider various schedules and activities for Youth Week in order to best support the theme of 'Youth Exploring Discipleship,'" Yarborough explains. "It should also determine what church positions will be filled by youth and which youth will best accomplish the job."

Yarborough also recommends that the steering committee select the persons to fill church staff positions during Youth Week and present the nominations to the church at a church business meeting.

"The training period is a vital step in preparation," he adds. "Youth and adults should meet together to instruct the youth about the duties and responsibilities of their positions. It's a team effort."

Two resource materials for Youth Week have been prepared by the

church training department's youth section. Youth Week Pak '77 contains a guidebook, worship service suggestions, a listing of church positions and job descriptions, promotional posters and other materials. A Youth Week Guide, designed for both small and large churches, includes helps for conducting a Youth Month and Youth Day, as well as Youth Week.

Both resources are available from Baptist Book Stores or the Materials Services Department at the Sunday School Board.



Beverly Terrell Sings

Bert Jones, associate pastor and minister of education at First Church, Laurel, and immediate past president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association, chats with Beverly Terrell of Dallas following the annual banquet of the association in Biloxi. Mrs. Terrell is an inspirational soloist and was the singer and speaker for the banquet. She also appeared on the regular program for the association's annual meeting.



Webster Heads MBREA

James Webster, second from right; minister of education at Parkway Church, Jackson, became president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association following the association's annual meeting in Biloxi. The new president-elect, named at the Biloxi meeting, is Phillips McCarty, left, religious education professor at Mississippi College. Billy Hudgens, right, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was elected vice-president. Mrs. Agnes Batson, assistant in the Church Music Department of the Convention Board, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Separate Bible Conference Set For Youths Age 12-17

A Youth Bible Conference for persons ages 12-17, will be held simultaneously with the evening sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Bible Conference, March 28-29.

Theme for the youth conference will be "Youth Questions: God Answers."

The conference will take place both evenings from 6:45 to 9:15, in the Family Life Center of Calvary Baptist Church, 1300 W. Capitol, Jackson. The adults will be meeting in the church sanctuary.

Leadership includes four Mississippians who have special appeal to young people. They are: Tommy Baddley, pastor, FBC, Brandon; Wayne Barber, associate pastor, Colonial Heights church, Jackson; Gene Henderson, pastor, Fairview church, Columbus; and Donn Poole, minister to youth, Broadmoor church, Jackson.

Two special groups from Mississippi College will make presentations during the youth conference. The Cross Section is a drama group which uses puppets and Harvest is a group of musicians, which utilizes brass.

Larry Salter of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will emcee the sessions.

The Mississippi Baptist Bible Conference begins at 2 p.m. March 28, concluding at 9:15 p.m., March 29.

Manila, Philippines (BP) — Members of the Luzon Baptist Convention, during their 18th annual session, began steps toward the organization of a mission board. The board is being created by the convention "with the view of supporting missionaries within the convention territory and abroad, as God calls and as convention funds become available," said William T. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.



Henderson Poole Baddley Barber

Lay Renewal Leadership Hold Training Conference In March

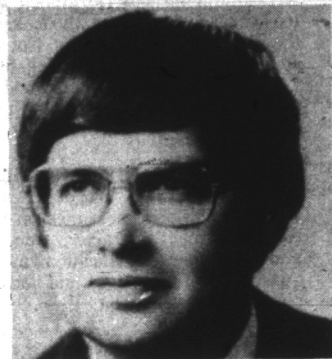
Several times a year Mississippi Baptists have the privilege of attending a Lay Renewal Leadership Training Clinic. The first of these for 1977 will be held at First Baptist Church, Winona, March 25-26.

These clinics provide the opportunity for training for persons participating in or interested in Lay Renewal ministries. In addition, fellowship and enrichment are experienced by those who have long been in Lay Renewal endeavors.

Two of the program personalities will be Henry L. Chennault, pastor of First Baptist Church, Aiken, S. C., and Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson.

Henry Chennault is a native of Texas. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to becoming pastor of First Church, Aiken, he held several pastorates in Oklahoma, and served for a period as Brotherhood Director for South Carolina Baptists.

Carl Savell is a native Mississippian. He received his education at Missis-



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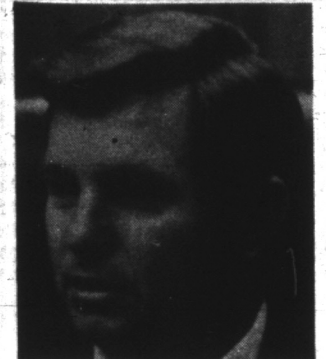
issippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Pelahatchie Baptist Church prior to coming to Woodville Heights.

In his earlier ministry he served as pastor for a number of churches over the State. He has been active in denominational work, serving in various associational offices and has published articles for Church Administration magazine.

Others who will be offering leader-

MARBEL, Philippines — The first meeting of the Mindanao Sunday School Enlargement Campaign was held here recently with 109 persons from 33 churches attending the three-day clinic. Missionary Paul B. Johnson directed the training clinic, one of 10 planned for Mindanao.

New York (EP) — Churches in Zaire are being allowed to resume operating primary and secondary schools that were taken over by the government in 1974. Reports reaching here indicate that the transfer involves more than three million students and 80,000 teachers. Even when the government nationalized the primary and second schools, 80 per cent of the public schools continued to be administered by various Church groups.



Savell

ship in the upcoming clinic are Sidney Ellis of Greenville, well known over the state for his Lay Renewal leadership; and Mrs. Freas (Dot) Friddle of Ripley.

Friday night's session will begin at 7:30 and Saturday morning's at 8:15. Adjournment will be at 12:00 noon. Reservations are available at Winona motels. Both pastors and laymen from all over the State are encouraged to attend.

This program is sponsored by the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Paul Harrell, Director.

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Adam Set Example

By John Alexander
Director, Stewardship Department

Since Adam set the example, each of us has followed him and chosen to break out of the fence, to trespass, to disobey the law of God established for our health and happiness. To obey the voice of God is not easy for man. He is constantly tempted and drawn in the direction of disobedience. As Christians, we are admonished to keep God's commandments. Samuel, in discussing with King Saul the delights of Jehovah said, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and iniquity. Because thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath rejected thee from being king" (1 Sam. 15:23).

Christian man's safety, sanity, and serenity is in obeying the voice of the Lord. Man is obligated to search God's Word, pray, and listen to the call of his Holy Spirit for instructions. In addition to these is the admonition we are to give one another in the name of the Lord.

Because of a need recognized many years ago the churches organized associations, state conventions, and a national convention to keep before them the challenge of their mission and provide ways for helping them carry out their God-given tasks.

Informed church leaders and members recognize the necessity for holding up the banner, for calling the committed to act in behalf of the established objective.

It is necessary that this call be clear and understandable, for how shall the people prepare for battle if the trumpet give an uncertain sound. It is necessary that the objective be worthy of the very life of the participants, for that is what it could cost some if the Lord so chooses.

No wise king going to war overlooks the cost of the campaign or fails to see that supply lines are set up for the troops in the field and on the front lines.

Southern Baptists are engaged in a battle against the world-rulers of darkness and spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places, according to Paul's word to the Ephesian church, chapter 6. The best help we can provide ourselves in this battle is none too good. Although we know how the war will come out, we must nevertheless engage in the daily battles for the hearts of men everywhere. Every believer is responsible to God for seeing that his life and resources are utilized in these battles. We know our Commander-in-Chief. We read and study his word. We pray for his power and guidance. We move under the shield of his love and care. We must wage the war with personal abandonment, for the cause is worthy of our very best.

Just as no chain is stronger than its weakest link, so our effort for Christ is no stronger than our weakest church. To the extent that any church fails to supply its proper share of manpower and resources the cause is weakened. All resources must be utilized in the most efficient manner to realize the greatest possible good for the investment made. Resources must not be kept in storage at the home base when they are desperately needed at the front line.

In the spiritual battles being waged in the war, one great revival must yet occur for victory to be grasped. It is a revival of stewardship. It is committing and directing the resources of Southern Baptists toward the spiritual objectives of world-wide witness of the gospel. Currently there are more than 2,700 missionaries on 82 foreign fields, and more than 2,500 missionaries on the home field, as well as programs of Christian Education, child care, church training, and benevolent ministries that must be supplied at the home base.

If what Sir Winston Churchill is reported to have said about the American people is true, then we are assured of victory. He said, "Their national psychology is such that the bigger the idea the more wholeheartedly and obstinately do they throw themselves into making it a success."

In the next 20 years we will be taking on the whole world! There is need for whatever you have to give and it is needed now!

State BSU Appoints 47 As Summer Missionaries

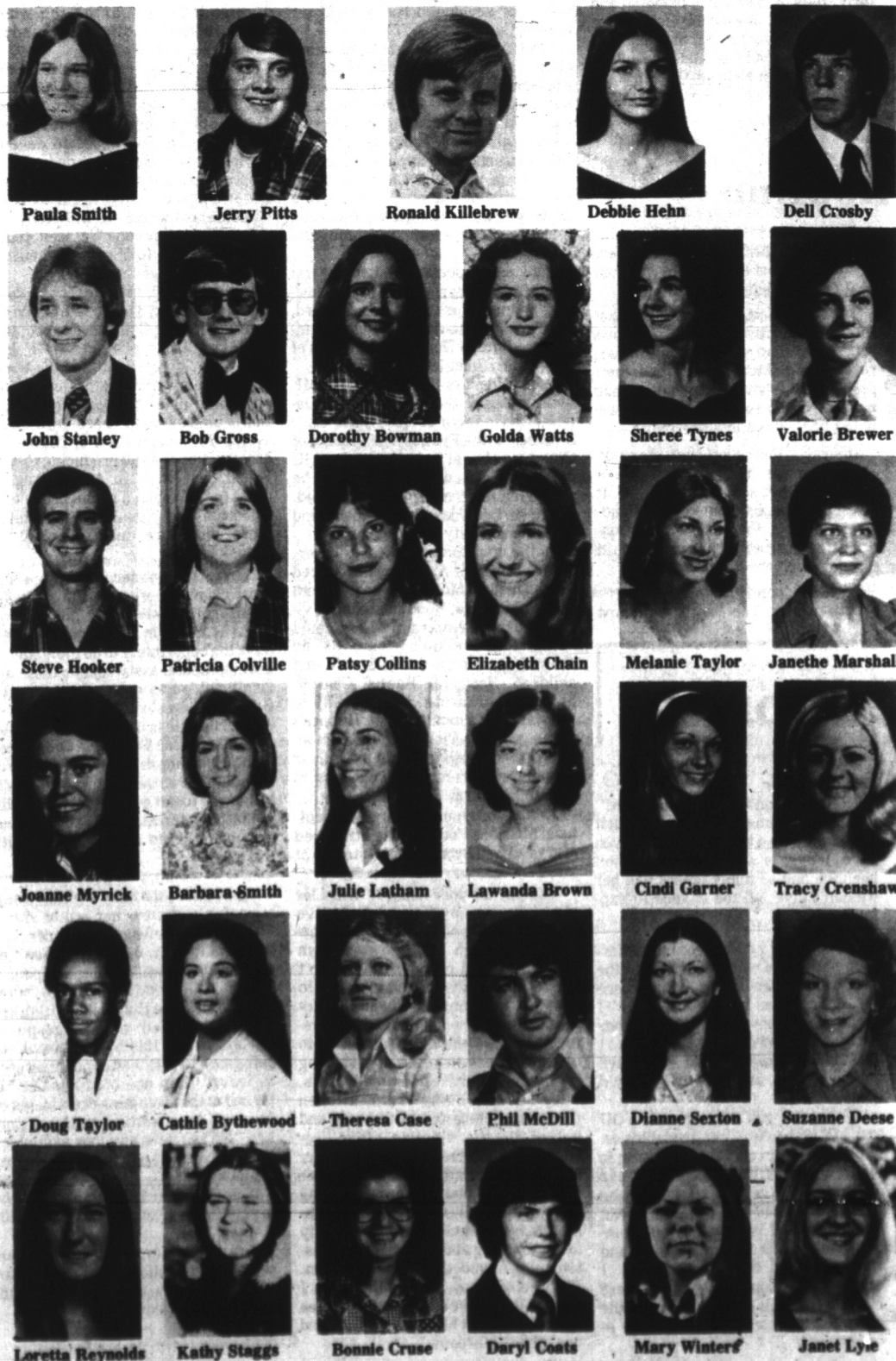
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land, Dell Crosby, Jackson, Miss. State University; New Mexico, Tracy Crenshaw, Newton, Meridian Junior College; New Mexico, Debbie Hehn, Ellisville, Jones Junior College; New York, Sheree Tynes, Jackson, Miss. University for Women; New York,

Jerry Pitts, Terry, University of Southern Miss.

Northern Plains, Elizabeth Chain, Collins, Mississippi College; Northwest, Patsy Collins, Laurel, Jones Junior College; Northwest, Lawanda Brown, Forest, Ole Miss; Ohio, Golda Watts, Hattiesburg, William Carey;

Pennsylvania, Phil McDill, Jackson, Mississippi College; Pennsylvania, Theresa Case, Bogue Chitto, Mississippi College; Utah/Idaho, Daryl Coats, Soso, University of Southern Miss.; Virginia, Dianne Sexton, Hattiesburg, University of Southern Miss.; West Virginia, Suzanne Deese, Pensacola, FL, Mississippi College.



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Brotherhood Coach of the Year Is Pioneer Speaker

Johnny Woitt of Pascagoula, will be the featured speaker at a special breakfast for older Pioneer boys (grades 10-12) during the first Royal Ambassador Pioneer Conference, March 18-19, at the Jackson Hilton Hotel.

The breakfast will be on Saturday morning of the conference.

Friday registration for the conference begins at the Hilton at 4:30 p.m. The first session begins at 7 p.m.

Woitt, head coach for the 1976 State Football Champion Pascagoula Panthers, was recently named "Coach of the Year" by coaches and sports writers in Mississippi.

Allen Webb, pastor of the Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, where Woitt is a member, says Woitt has been active as a Christian athlete for many years and was involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes groups while he played defensive back at Mississippi State University and while playing with the San Francisco 49ers. "He is a fine speaker who will magnify the name of our Lord by his words and his life," said Webb.

Other guest speakers for the two-day conference which is sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, will include Tom Lester, television personality, and Lewis Myers, former Foreign Mission Board missionary to Vietnam. Byron Cutrer, a student at New Orleans Seminary, will conduct the musical activities for the conference.

"We encourage each pastor and

Royal Ambassador leader in our state to bring his Pioneer boys (grades 7-12) to the conference," said Paul Harrell, state Brotherhood Director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Reservations for overnight accommodations need to be made with the Jackson Hilton by March 15, 1977.

Information may be obtained from the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 or telephone (601) 354-3704.



Woitt

Family Life Will Receive Emphasis

NASHVILLE — Biblical perspectives on marriage and the family provide the framework for a Family Bible Conference, April 15-17, at Ridgcrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The three-day conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, is designed for married young adults age 40 and under.

Sessions are planned on marriage, the family and human sexuality as each is presented in the Bible. Both Old and New Testament concepts of the family will be studied, as well as sociological and religious influences on the family during biblical times. Worship services also will focus on family concerns.

The same Bible study topics will be presented from the psychological perspective by Mrs. Bea Murray, a state-licensed psychological counselor and associate professor of psychology and education at Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, Tenn.

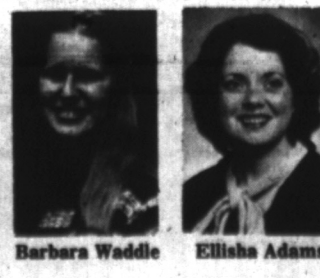
In addition to Mrs. Murray, other program leaders include John Bunn,

pastor from Sylva, N. C., Bible study leader; Robert Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, N. C., worship leader; and Garry Bone, minister of youth, Judson Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., recreational director.

Due to the intensive two-day scheduling, no provision will be made for children. The cost of \$60 for each couple covers two nights lodging and six meals, with the \$10 registration fee applicable to the total cost.

Reservations may be made by writing Family Bible Conference at Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgcrest, N. C. 28770. Additional program information may be secured by writing the Sunday School Department MSN 171, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Nashville — "The Church and Single Adults" is the subject of an upcoming seminar for workers with single adults, March 28-31, at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Major emphasis will be placed on reaching, ministering to and involving single adults in the total church program, particularly the Sunday School. The four-day seminar, for both volunteer and church staff workers with single adults, is sponsored by the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department. To register for "Single Adults and the Church," write the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.



Marcia Brewer Carolyn Feather Barbara Waddle Elisha Adams

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Editorials

The Fight Goes On

At times it seems that fighting violence and sexual implications on television and pornography generally is akin to the Don Quixote windmill episodes. It doesn't seem to do much good.

Hope should not be abandoned, however. According to national news publications, notably *The National Observer* and *Newsweek*, more and more organized groups are joining the fight. As far back as Feb. 12 *The National Observer* mentioned the Southern Baptist Convention as one of these involved and listed others as being the national PTA groups, the American Medical Association, the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting, and the National Council of Churches. *The National Observer* article was titled, "Now There's Muscle Behind Efforts to Curb Violence on Television."

Several business organizations were cited for refusing to sponsor programs on which they felt there was too much violence. Those listed included Best

Foods, Kimberly-Clark, General Foods, Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, Kraft, Bristol-Myers, and General Mills. The Ford Motor Co. was noted for having pulled its commercial announcements off of violent programs.

By action of their convention in November, Mississippi Baptists have been a part of the effort to curb violence and sex on televisions at the movies, and on the newsstands.

The Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. has allied itself with the non-violence groups; and the networks, perhaps feeling defensive, have sought to indicate that there is less violence now than formerly.

In its Feb. 21 issue *Newsweek* has an exhaustive study of "What TV Does to Kids." The conclusion is that the effect is not at all good.

Perhaps results are slow in coming, but indications are that the wheels are beginning to grind. With the momentum shifting in the direction of change,

it is not the time to let up. If anything, as the change begins it is time to intensify efforts. The group in Southaven sponsoring Turn Off The Television Week has recognized this and has expanded its suggestion to go beyond a week and keep the pressure on until results are noted. We would agree with this. Where we still disagree is that there is even now too much good on television to leave it off completely and too much harm can come to local stations if they lose a great deal of advertising revenue.

Meantime, there is a reported effort to get Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman moved to prime time viewing rather than late at night. That show should be moved off the air and forgotten. It does not come in for regular viewing at the writer's house, but the few episodes seen have not been appreciated. While it is difficult to always understand motives behind what is shown on television, some of Mary Hartman programming has seemed to ridicule Christianity.

An Era Nears An End

An era soon will close in Southern Baptist journalism. John Hurt, editor of the *Baptist Standard* in Texas, is nearing retirement.

There is no one else like him in Southern Baptist journalistic ranks. He would say that this is a fortunate thing. But he has prodded and coaxed and gripped and praised and helped all of us — the entire Southern Baptist journalistic effort and the entire Southern Baptist effort.

The Lord has his people for the times that they need to fill, and He had John Hurt. He came out of a newspaper and Associated Press background and served as editor of the oldest of the Southern Baptist state papers, the *Christian Index*, and the largest, the *Baptist Standard*. The *Christian Index*, in addition to being the oldest, is also the third largest. So his service has been significant.

This writer served with him for five years. They were rewarding years, and I had decided that I was going to stay right there until I retired. The committee looking for an editor in California came looking for me, however, and I finally determined that the Lord intended for me to go there. I am glad I did, for it had a direct bearing on the series of events that finally resulted in my coming here. I don't know about anyone else, but I am enjoying being here.

John Hurt has been a Baptist state

paper editor for 30 years. That means he started in 1947 at the age of 38. He has been writing editorials weekly through all these years, and there is no measuring what effect these editorials have had in molding Southern Baptists.

Three who are presently editors of Southern Baptist state papers served under him. Those in addition to the writer are Jack Harwell at the *Christian Index* in Georgia and Larry Jerden at the *Rocky Mountain Baptist* in Colorado. As far as my memory can recall, this is a record in Southern Baptist history. A couple of assistant or associate editors also have worked with him. These are Charles Richardson at the *Biblical Recorder* in North Carolina and Toby Druehl, now at the *Baptist Standard*.

These folks and hundreds of others were gathered Monday night of this week to pay tribute to John Hurt at a testimonial dinner in Dallas. The master of ceremonies on that occasion was Dr. Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary.

I have had the privilege of working as associate editor with three of the most widely recognized of Southern Baptist editors. They were all very distinctly different persons. I was not an editor when E. S. James retired, for I was then associate editor at the *Baptist Standard*, nor when he died last April, for I was then associate editor

here. Some might look at today's product and ask what went wrong, but E. S. James had a tremendous influence on my life. Joe Odle wrote a wonderful editorial at the time of the death of Dr. James.

Before becoming associate editor of the *Baptist Standard* I worked with another editor there, Dr. David M. Gardner, whose daughter, Mrs. Earl Neelds, lives in Jackson.

When Dr. Odle retired last August I became editor and expressed my appreciation to him at that point. My gratitude to him knows no bounds for his part in my being here and in helping me in so many ways since I have been here. The four wonderful issues of the Centennial Series unmistakably reflected his effort and influence.

But with this piece, having recounted all of the foregoing background, I want simply to express my deep appreciation to John Hurt for his influence, his help, and his friendship. Dr. Hurt is the son of a highly regarded Southern Baptist statesman, Dr. John J. Hurt Sr., who was president of Union University in Jackson, Tenn. He comes from a rich Southern Baptist tradition, and he has been able to impart help from his storehouse of knowledge and experience to those who have been around him.

I must express my appreciation for being able to have been a part of that group.—DTM

Book Reviews

WANTED: YOUR DAILY LIFE by M. B. Room. (Christian Literature Crusade, paper, \$1.25, 109 pp.) "Obedience to Jesus is not bondage. It is liberty." That is the theme of a new book by M. B. Room. "There are people who say they don't want to get too wrapped up in Jesus because they want to be free. . . . But look at them! They have chains on their hands, chains around their minds, chains on their very eyeballs. . . . When we start obeying Jesus, every one of these chains breaks. Lust, gluttony, greed, fear, vanity, start falling away." The book offers a challenge. It is well worth reading.

DYNAMICS OF EVANGELISM by Gerald L. Borchert (Word, 146 pp., \$5.95) A fresh insight into evangelism as taught in the New Testament, written in Jerusalem, by one who looked at the scenes of the NT events. Not just stereotyped method of evangelistic work, but insights to help modern Christians be more effective in their witness.

THROW AWAY THE GARBAGE by Buckner Fanning (Word, 114 pp., \$4.95) Refreshing messages on how New Testament characters who met and followed Jesus, throw away the "garbage" of their lives and became new creatures.

I RECOMMEND THE BIBLE by Howard P. Colson (Broadman, 156 pp., \$4.95) A book "about" the Bible, which reveals some of its glory and meaning to the world. Consider some of the chapter titles: Filled with Fascination; Living Issues; Book of God; Book of Jesus Christ; Book of Life; Book of Hope; Book of Strength; Guidebook for Living; Builder . . . Of Character; . . . Homes; . . . Churches; etc. There is a section on "How to read and study" the Bible. The author is a former (now retired) Sunday School Board editor, and has been widely used in Southern Baptist life. The book is issued in appreciation for Dr. A. V. Washburn, who soon is to retire after long leadership in Sunday School ministries of Southern Baptists.

THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE TRIBULATION by John F. Walvoord (Zondervan, 172 pp., paper, \$3.95) A scholarly examination of the "Post-tribulation" interpretation of the Rapture phase of the Second Coming of Christ. The author examines the theory carefully, and gives his reasons for not accepting it.

THE REBIRTH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL — Is it of God or Men? by Arthur W. Kac (Baker, paper, 384 pp., \$4.95) A carefully documented, scholarly study, of both Bible teaching and prophecy and Jewish history, which leads to a conclusion that the rebirth of the state of Israel is of God. The author is a well known Hebrew Christian.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

I was at First Church, Vicksburg a couple of Fridays ago, at the seventh annual meeting of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited. On the cover of the program I saw an emblem with three separate units; later I heard the announcement that this was the proposed new symbol of AMF. A printed explanation said that the center "grain" represents the agricultural efforts and the circle represents the world. A cross encircles all.

Agricultural Missions Foundation was organized in 1970 "to provide a vehicle for agriculturally oriented laymen to become more directly involved in missions." Their 94-page annual report for 1976 reveals that they have helped hungry people in many lands "to learn to help themselves by teaching them how to produce food." The group's primary objective, as implied by the new symbol, is to witness for Christ to the world through agricultural efforts.

Southern Baptist missionaries from four continents were on the program at Vicksburg. Charles Whitten of Spain gave a devotional talk in the opening session. Delos Brown, agricultural missionary to Zambia; R. T. Buckley, missionary to Bangladesh; Carl Ryther, agricultural missionary to Bangladesh; and James Philpot, agricultural missionary to Mexico, showed slides of the agricultural work in their countries. Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg, Tupelo, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was devotional speaker for the evening session.

AMF has a close and continuous cooperative relationship with the Foreign Mission Board. Larry Otis, executive director of AMF, in his report said, "We strive to provide supplemental money, equipment, technical assistance and supplies to the missionary on the field. Currently there exist needs for planning and program development in Honduras, Panama, Ecuador, Bangladesh, Tanzania, and Uganda."

Eunice Campbell, member of First Church, Vicksburg, and former business manager of the Baptist Record, went with me to the meeting. She introduced me to Dennis McCall, son of her pastor, John McCall.

As president of the chapter of AMF at Mississippi State University, Dennis was approved last year as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. He is also the state BSU president. I asked him if he plans to be an agricultural missionary. He said, "I am certainly keeping an open mind to that possibility."

In the auditorium, after supper, James Baugh of Arkansas introduced me to Dionisio Morales, a pastor from Puerto Lempira, Honduras. Since I visited Puerto Lempira in 1974, I could visualize Dionisio's home as he showed me a picture of his wife and children. Northside Baptist Church, Star City, Arkansas, paid his way to the States for a month's visit. He spoke to the group at Vicksburg through an interpreter and thanked them for their support of agricultural missions in Puerto Lempira.

Owen Cooper, president of Agricultural Missions Foundation, introduced Mary Futrell, Professor of Nutrition at

Mississippi State, who as a summer missionary to India last year spent time setting up a feeding program for children similar to one she had helped to set up in San Blas, Panama. She went at the request of the Foreign Mission Board and AMF assisted with her expenses. Dr. Futrell said that the project of a mother-craft center at the hospital in Bangalore would be a model house on the hospital grounds where the women would learn to cook in a family surrounding.

Carl Ryther said, "Necessity is the mother of invention; in Bangladesh as well as here. The people there must find new ways to do things, with little equipment."

The proposed 1977 budget of AMF contains several items for Bangladesh, — "total energy demonstration package for Feni consisting of solar unit, wind unit, methane unit, hydroponic and fish; training materials; and two extension workers' salaries."

R. T. Buckley, also of Bangladesh, said, "We could not preach openly, so assistance in agricultural methods is a way to reach the people individually. We told them they must agree to two things—first, that they must plant and cultivate according to our suggestions, and second, they would have to pay the money back. In this way, the project becomes their program, and we do want them to feel it is theirs."

He said that in Picayune he used to plant the eyes of the potato but that in Bangladesh he planted the whole potato, added lots of fertilizer, and got vines waist high.

James Philpot of Oaxaca, Mexico told how that he has used AMF funds in developing bee hives. These hives help the people to become independent wage earners. He hopes to develop various associational campgrounds as Baptist agricultural centers. "There is a campground only 15 miles from Guadalajara where we will likely put this plan into action. We need young people to come to Mexico in the summer to help in youth camps."

Philpot added, "Whatever you do or in whatever way you do it, missions is communicating God's love to people."

Among other projects AMF has under consideration around the world are an animal traction project in Upper Volta, plans for possible production of pineapples in Tanzania, a water system for a dairy barn in Venezuela, construction of a silk producing shed in Brazil, new wells in Africa, Angola goats for Ethiopia, a rabbit project for Rhodesia, dairy goats for the Philippines, more saw mill equipment for Ecuador.

Larry Otis pointed out, "More and more countries are admitting only agricultural missionaries and technicians to assist in their countries. We have the opportunity to be the leader in developmental assistance to these agricultural missionaries." Otis is the first full time executive director of AMF. His wife is the first woman to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Miss. Baptist Convention Board. He said that since starting with AMF he has not found a single group or individual not interested and excited about this approach to sharing Christ with the world.

"Can we see your house?" Will I let strangers see my house? Yes, I've done it many times. I've learned how to show it though. I used to show them every nook and cranny. But I didn't like it when they opened drawers to chests, rummaged through my jewelry box, tried on my shoes (remember now—these are unknowns to me). Now I have a new way of sharing my house with these one-time-lookers. They see the living room, kitchen (They are interested in the cold and hot of it—the electric stove, refrigerator, and the cold and hot water available at handy faucets. You see they carry all their water for cooking from a tubewell or pond.), the bathroom (again having water so handy for for bathing and bathrooming is astonishing), and the front bedroom. Then before they head to the back, I explain that to the back there are three other rooms just like this bedroom and one other bathroom.

"Can we see the baby?" "No," I say, "we don't disturb her while she is sleeping." "We won't wake her." "I know you won't, but we just don't go into her room while she is sleeping."

When they inquired as to what James does, the Holy Spirit prompted me to give them a Luke gospel. I explained that this book is about our religion. They walked out on the porch to leave. Then one of the ladies returned at the prompting of a whispered message by a waiting male companion. "Do you have any jobs available?" I said, "No, but I can tell you about my religion."

It is then that she remarks as she nearly flees, "Religion won't fill your stomach!" Your missionaries need your prayers and fastings for a pouring out of His spirit upon them as they let Him share the way through them.

Guinevere (Mrs. James E.) Young

Guest Editorial

Executive Committee Approval Too Routine

Pardon our amusement but we were entitled to a bit of it last week when the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee could not convince itself it was a deliberative body — as it definitely must be.

We have argued in previous years there was too much of a routine in the stamp of approval on subcommittee reports. Such statements neither won friends nor influenced committeemen until a committee of the convention said something similar last year.

The convention referred the issue to its Executive Committee which in turn port, touching on 12 topics, quoted from the convention report concerning preparation of the annual Cooperative paration of the annual Cooperative Program recommendation. One sentence in that original report said "Budget requests from all convention agencies should be heard as well as studied by all Executive Committee members."

The recommendation was ignored. Surprisingly, the evasion was called to attention of the Executive Committee by some of its own members but not until after it had already given approval to its 1977-78 recommendation

for the Cooperative Program budget going to the convention in June.

And, more to our surprise, not even members of the Executive Committee not assigned to preparation of the budget had seen it until minutes before it was called to a vote. The report was prepared in January but in effect was a secret kept from the full committee.

We have little quarrel with the recommendation. But we still wonder why reports like this cannot be distributed through Baptist Press with opportunity for all to voice objections and ask questions without waiting for the convention.

Why, for example, in our current emphasis on "Bold Mission Advance" do all share in that section beyond operating budgets? True, \$6.5 million

of the \$8.3 million goes to the two mission boards and we cannot imagine anything less. Nor do we find fault with \$593,000 more for the six seminaries. There can be little mission advance without more missionaries.

We can buy, too, \$77,500 more for the Brotherhood Commission for laymen must be enlisted. We cringe at \$800,000 beyond the \$2,750,000 for the Radio-Television Commission when there is not a dollar more for the print media. We can't see any "Bold Mission Advance" with \$264,000 for commissions and committees, only vaguely related to missions, if at all related.

But one reason for our questions is there was no elaboration of the budget in its presentation. It was distributed — and approved. We doubt half the

Executive Committee knew any more about the report than we did from our seat on the sidelines.

Back to our original statement that the full Executive Committee knows little more than what subcommittees recommend. Members agreed their assignment from the convention had not been discharged. They'll try again in the pre-convention meeting.

Anyway — this report from the study committee was drafted Jan. 12. We of the press didn't see it until Feb. 21. It doesn't hurt to distribute copies in advance, even if they carry the "Confidential" label. Then we could scream about the "Confidential."

By John Hurt
Editor, The Baptist Standard

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Much to my regret, I have discovered an error in the copy of the Resolution on Abortion as it appears in the current Southern Baptist Convention Annual (pp. 57-58). An amendment, adding the final "Whereas" paragraph and the final "Resolved" paragraph, was incorporated by mistake in the copy transmitted to the printer. The amendment was rejected by the Convention. Unfortunately, the error was not caught in the proofreading.

Of course, I deeply regret the mistake — another example that error-proof publication defies achievement! Because of differences in viewpoints and widespread concern related to abortion, I feel that I should call attention to this error in the Annual. Let me request that pastors, denominational personnel, and other persons having a copy of the Annual — also libraries having a copy — strike the two paragraphs indicated from the printed copy of the resolution.

Thank you for sharing this information with our Southern Baptist people.
Clifton J. Allen
Recording Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention

Dear Mrs. McWilliams:

I'll begin my letter by telling you I have been a reader of the Baptist Record for a long time and I enjoy it very much.

I have tried to live a Christian life. I was married when I was very young and moved to live in the Harmony Community. As a young wife and mother I started to read the Baptist Record. It has had many refreshing and spiritual words that were so often needed in helping me in times of sorrow and trouble. I am now growing old but still like to read the Baptist Record. My husband reads it too.

I joined the Harmony Baptist Church (Carroll County) and have always lived near it. We don't have very many members now, but still have church twice a month. We have some very faithful members. Also we sometimes don't have over 6 or 8 people but they still have church.

Mrs. B. L. Bruce, Sr.
Cruger, MS 38924

Dear Sir:

Bangladesh needs your prayers and fastings for a pouring out of the Holy

Spirit upon her.

"Religion won't fill your stomach!" was her tart remark as she left. "But it will supply an even deeper need you have, lady," is what I wanted to tell her. She and so many others like her wouldn't give me the chance to explain.

With a yawn I came from my afternoon nap to see who my callers at the door were. When James said, "There are some ladies here to see you," I should have known they'd be another party of unknowns. And they were. I greeted them, made an effort to learn who they were, and asked why they'd come.

"Oh, we've just come to see YOU and YOUR house," one mumbled as her eyes go from curtain, to picture, to piano, to brass water pot. "Did our government give you all this?" she exclaims in wonder. I tell her, "No, the house itself is owned by our company (mission is not understood), and we purchased the furnishings." I comment that some of the things were brought from our country, and that the other items were made right here in her country.

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Early Registration Necessary For 1977 Pastors' Conference

NASHVILLE — Because of a maximum attendance of 200, pastors should register as soon as possible to attend the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention Pastoral Ministries Conference June 17-18 at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. The fourth annual pastors' conference follows the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16, also to be held in Kansas City.

Sponsored by Midwestern Seminary and the Southern Baptist Sunday

School Board's church administration department, the two-day meeting will feature well-known conference leaders, panel responses, small group discussions, inspiration and fellowship. Discussion topics include leadership, management, personal growth, pastoral care and proclamation.

The dates and location were selected in an effort to provide a convenient and inexpensive training opportunity, according to John Ishee, pastoral ministries consultant in the board's church

administration department and a conference leader.

Registration cost is \$25 for each person or \$35 for a couple. The fee includes lodging, transportation from the motel to the seminary, four meals and a conference notebook.

Interested pastors should send their name, address and registration fee to SBC Pastoral Ministries Conference, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 North Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118.

13,000 Decisions In Kenya Larrimore Returns From Africa; Clothes Burn In Trailer Fire

Jackson music evangelist Tom Larrimore was a member of a team of 15 who spent 23 days in Kenya, Africa, registering more than 13,000 professions of faith in a crusade called "Outreach: Kenya."

Immediately upon his return, he led the music for a revival in First Church,

Waynesboro, Ga. However, during the revival Tom was hospitalized with a slight virus infection. Tuesday evening, while Tom was in the hospital and Perry Neal, the evangelist Tom was working with was at the church, a fire destroyed the trailer the two were staying in.

The fire destroyed all of Tom's clothes, which he had taken to Africa and all photos, music and memorabilia he had with him on the trip. The fire was of undetermined origin.

Larrimore, who wrote two songs while in Kenya, spent 24 years as a minister of music and education in Southern Baptist churches before entering vocational evangelism. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Florence, are members of First Church, Jackson. She is a member of the Baptist Record staff.

Pastors, Laymen To Lead Efforts In Evangelism

RICHMOND — In the next two years, more than 2,700 Baptist pastors and lay persons from the United States and other countries will be participating in at least 38 different evangelistic emphases in 21 countries.

Most of these persons will be coming from Southern Baptist churches in the United States, according to James W. Cecil, Southern Baptist missionary associate currently under assignment in the Foreign Mission Board's department of evangelism and church development. These people, who pay their own transportation to and from the field, will work alongside missionaries and national Baptists for periods of one to four weeks.

Emphases include major city evangelization campaigns, countrywide evangelism outreach efforts, lay evangelism schools, home Bible studies, stewardship development projects and Sunday School enlargement and outreach programs. Youth rallies and music events will also relate to the evangelism projects.

All of these emphases will be working toward the Total Mission Thrust goal of every person having the opportunity to hear the gospel by the year A.D. 2000.

Med Center Appoints New Assistant

Kent Strum, former administrator of Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, has been named assistant administrator of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

A native of Neshoba county and a graduate of Mississippi College in 1965, Strum earned a Master's degree in hospital administration from the Medical College of Virginia in 1967.

He was administrative assistant at University Hospital in Jackson from 1967 to 1969 and was assistant director of that hospital from 1969 to 1973.

He was administrator of the Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson from April 1973 to March of 1974, when he went to Memorial Hospital in Gulfport.

Former Mississippian Is Distinguished Alumnus

FORT WORTH, TX — A retired seminary professor, a denominational worker, and a homemaker and wife of a seminary president have been selected as 1977 Distinguished Alumni at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The selection announcement was made by national alumni association president Lavonn Brown of Norman, Okla.

Named were A. Donald Bell, retired, living in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Philip B. Harris, director, church training

department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. Goldia Dalton Naylor, homemaker and wife of Southwestern Seminary president Robert E. Naylor, Fort Worth, Texas.

A. Donald Bell served as professor psychology and human relations at Southwestern Seminary from 1951 until his early retirement in 1972. Since that time Bell continues to lecture and write articles on Christian marriage and family life.

Prior to joining the seminary faculty, he served as an administrator at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and a psychology professor at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. He is the author of six books and co-author of three books, most of which deal with human relations, marriage, and family life.

Bell, who also studied at the Menninger Foundation and the University of London, served on the State Mental Health Boards of Mississippi and Texas. He has also served as a visiting professor at six university and seminaries. A graduate of William Jewell College, Bell holds both the master of religious education degree (1945) and the doctor of education degree (1949) from Southwestern Seminary.

In a world filled with unrest and hatred stands the Church, filling my whole life. It is the center of my being, giving me a reason for living. Everyone is looking for a cause to stand for, and I have found mine — the teachings of God's Church.

The Church is not out of date. It has a reason for existing and has something to offer today's American. In my



Bible Museum

Lewie and Edith Miller line up used Bibles marked for shipment to an overseas mission station. The Southern Baptist couple runs the National Bible Museum in Gatlinburg, Tenn., from which money is fed into Bible distribution. Miller is a retired U. S. Air Force chaplain who turned his Bible collecting hobby into a full-time venture. (BP) Photo

Necessity makes even the timid brave.—Salust

Messianic Jews Contest Israeli Court's Ruling

NEW YORK (RNS) — Messianic Jews have expressed concern over an Israeli court ruling which says that a person who accepts Christ as the Messiah cannot be a Jew.

The ruling was made in the case of Dr. James Hutchens, former chaplain at Wheaton (Ill.) College, who converted to Orthodox Judaism in 1972. He said he and his family converted be-

cause of their "strong desire to identify with the Jewish people."

Dr. Hutchens also explained that "we saw conversion as the official means by which we could become one with the Jewish people. We want to be a part of what God is doing with the Jewish people and the land of Israel."

When the Hutchens family moved to Israel in 1974, they applied for citizenship under the country's Law of Return, which grants automatic citizenship to Jews desiring to live there.

The Israeli Supreme Court ruled against them on the grounds that their Messianic beliefs disqualified them from being considered Jews.

The Hutchens took their case to the rabbinical court in Tel Aviv, but they were told they could only become Jews if they renounced their faith in Christ. As a result of their failure to obtain Israeli citizenship, they have returned to the United States.

In an open letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Joseph Finklestein, president of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America, said, "This is anti-Semitism turned inward. It has a familiar and frightening ring — they are not like us, get rid of them. What makes this statement (ruling) so reprehensible is that it is made by a Jew against another Jew."

Onlookers Cry "Shark!" At Baptism In Grenada

By Elaine (Mrs. Manget) Herrin

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — A part of the observance of the first anniversary of St. George's Baptist Chapel here was a rather dramatic and unusual baptismal service.

A week - long deluge of heavy rains was interrupted only long enough for the church group to meet for the morning worship service. They then boarded one of the island's colorful wooden buses bound for the quiet beach area where the group holds its baptismal services.

Before the congregation had assembled, the Sunday sun was again replaced by rapidly gathering black clouds, and light rain began to fall.

Not to be hindered by the showers, Southern Baptist Missionary J. Kenneth Casey led the group in their traditional surf-side singing as the candidates prepared to go into the waters.

Suddenly the onlookers gasped. Someone whispered, "Shark!" Every eye turned toward the water.

Sure enough, large fins were swirling and arching in the usually calm and deserted swimming area. Then the large fish began to leap and bound in playful splashes.

Baptismal candidates recoiled. A sense of bewilderment pervaded the startled group of believers.

Southern Baptist Missionary Manget Herrin went to a nearby workman at the swimming area who told him that the large four-to-six-foot finned

fish were not sharks, but harmless tarpons.

"Just a school of big fish at play," the friendly Grenadian asserted.

Even when the group was assured of the "harmless fish" there was hesitancy on the part of the baptismal candidates. Except for one, that is.

Small, but brave Shannon Casey, seven-year-old daughter of Missionary Casey, walked quickly and purposefully toward the blue-green sea, completely confident that there was nothing to fear.

Following the brave footsteps of the petite girl, the three adults could not turn back. They, too, overcame their fears as they saw her faith.

So, on the white sand shores of Grenada, while a steady but light rain fell, as high fish swam and darted through the waters, Baptist believers sang hymns of faith and promise in celebration of God's salvation and His faithfulness.

After Herrin baptized the last candidate, one of the heaviest rains in recent years fell from an ominous sky.

But in the hearts of Grenada Baptists, the sun was shining.

The Stevens are also planning to take young people, recommended by pastors, as foster children. This is in the planning stage. "There are young people who need a home with love," Stevens says. "We have plenty of room and plenty of love. We are selfish, I guess, because we get so much out of being with so many wonderful people."



Thrust Has 660 Decisions

Transcandinense I and Transtotal III, two Brazilian evangelistic efforts, included more than 140 Baptist workers who shared the Good News with people. Workers such as Alberto Veierira (left) and Stela Neves de Silva (center) made house-to-house visits like this one in Concordia. Over 660 decisions were registered by the two recent thrusts.

Mexican Baptists Assume Added Responsibilities

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — Two giant steps were taken by the National Baptist Convention of Mexico recently.

In separate ceremonies the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, located here, and the Mexican American Hospital, Guadalajara, passed from the management of the Mexican Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist representatives) to the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

"These are important steps, giant steps," explained Charles W. Bryan, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. "The moment has arrived when the National Baptist Convention of Mexico is ready to plan, administer and carry out the work in this country. It gives me great pleasure to turn the hospital and seminary over to the churches of Mexico."

The convention, in accepting the seminary and hospital also accept responsibility for them. National Baptists were challenged to support the institutions with their prayers, time, talents and finances.

Librado Ramos, president of the Mexican National Baptist Convention, added, "Please tell our brothers in the United States who have supported the work here in Mexico for many years that there is deep gratitude in our hearts for all they have done."

Southern Baptists have not only given us institutions, they have given

us their hearts. We will continue their work with faith in the God of heaven following the principles of God's word."

According to Robert L. Perry, Southern Baptist press representative, these services marked miles-

tones for Baptist missions in Mexico. Through the process of handing the seminary and hospital over to the convention, capable and well - prepared Mexican nationals are assuming responsibility for the work in their nation.

A New Container

By W. Levon Moore
Director of Missions
Atlanta Association

The church did not really want to do it. Fear of the unknown caused many to be skeptical of an unfamiliar activity. They had always had a summer revival and had never had a Lay Renewal Weekend. It took patient, yet aggressive and mature, pastoral leadership to change attitudes and develop confident anticipation on the part of the congregation. After several months of cultivation and Holy Spirit preparation, the Springdale Church in Atlanta Association voted to engage in a lay renewal program. The pastor, Floyd Higginbotham, had adequately prepared himself by learning all he could about this relatively new program of Southern Baptists.

Fortunately, the church was enabled to secure the services of some well-trained leaders from other sections of the state. The suggested com-

mittees were organized and several weeks of intensive preparation took place. When the appointed weekend came, the church received the visiting team with eager anticipation.

From the first greeting of "hello, God loves you and I love you" to the last farewell of "good-by, and God bless you" it was an unforgettable experience.

There were moments of inspiration, rich fellowship and deep soul searching. Members of the church who had not recently been active became involved and many rededications were made. Some old personal grudges were uprooted and attitudes were changed. Tongues which were previously silent on spiritual matters became instruments of outward praise and testimony. Smoldering embers of spiritual commitment were fanned into brilliant flames. When the weekend of activity had drawn to a close, many of the people said, "This was one of the best revivals our church ever had."

One of the most important features of the program was the setting up of various small sharing groups. Some of these groups are still meeting, and through them, the lives of many people are being blessed.

As every Christian knows, high peaks of spiritual experience cannot be constantly sustained. There is, of necessity, a leveling off period. But the testimony of pastor and members alike agree that at Springdale spiritual fires were kindled which continue to radiate warmth throughout the church and community.

This experience taught one congregation that God does not always transmit His revivals in the same type of container.

What The Church Means To Me

By David Miller, Pastor
Lucian Baptist Church, Brookhaven

In a world filled with unrest and hatred stands the Church, filling my whole life. It is the center of my being, giving me a reason for living. Everyone is looking for a cause to stand for, and I have found mine — the teachings of God's Church.

The Church is not out of date. It has a reason for existing and has something to offer today's American. In my

search for reality the Church gave the only answers.

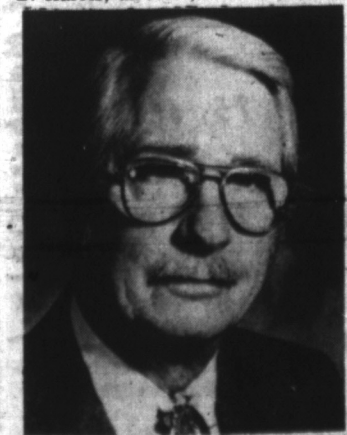
The Church offered me acceptance. I became part of a group of searchers desiring to find why life matters. I was loved for what I could be instead of what I was. I became part of something much bigger than myself.

The Church offered me friendship. I joined with people who cared about the problems in my life. When I am high, they rejoice with me. When I am down, they cry with me. When problems be-

come too much, they come to my aid.

The Church offered me a hope of a better tomorrow. I was introduced to the God who made me and came to earth to show me His love. I was introduced to His plan for my eternal life. My life found peace and assurance of something better to come.

The Church offers to all in our complex world acceptance, friendship, and a hope of a better tomorrow. Everyone can find what I have found. The Church has something we all need, and I'm glad to be a part of it.



A. Donald Bell

Simpson County Sets Crusade For Christ

E. J. Daniels, internationally known evangelist from Orlando, Fla., will be the featured speaker at a special evangelistic service to be held at the First Baptist Church, Mendenhall, Monday, March 14, 8:00 p.m.



The rally will be a "sample" of what is to come in the Simpson County Crusade for Christ, to be conducted April 17-24 under a giant canvas cathedral at City Park, Magee.

According to Caley R. Nichols, pastor of the Eastside Baptist Church of Magee, and general chairman of the crusade, the goal for Monday evening's rally will be to have at least 600 people from the Central Mississippi Area to fill and overflow the auditorium.

Although sponsored by the Simpson County Baptist Association, the crusade is for people from all churches as well as for those who do not attend any church, according to Nichols.

Daniels and his team conducted a crusade in Simpson County in 1963.

Crusade services in April will feature Daniels' team members, including John Bos, native of Holland, organist; Danny Wolfe, from Huntsville, Ala., trumpeter and music director; the Fairchild Trio from Atlanta; as well as special guest Tom Lester who played "Eb" on the "Green Acres" television program.

Daniels has just begun a new television ministry, and comes into the Central Mississippi area on channel WAPT, Jackson, every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Nichols in the crusade organization are the following committee chairpersons: prayer: Hueston Adkins; census-prospects: Oliver Laddner, William T. Wright; publicity: Ben Carlisle, G. P. (Pat) Bufkin; personal-workers: Caley R. Nichols, Tommy Anderson; tent & grounds: L. V. Moore; finance: Dan Watts.

Ushers-parking: Billy Guest; hospitality: Ray Fuller, W. J. Henderson; music: Paul Padgett.

The public is invited to the rally at 8:00.

Tishomingo County Crusade To Be In Iuka And Belmont

Two weeks of evangelistic crusades by Tishomingo Baptists and other denominations will be held in Belmont March 13-19 and in Iuka March 20-27. More than thirty churches are involved.

The Lowell Leistner-Bill Penley revival team will lead the crusades. Leistner, the evangelistic singer, lives in Orlando, Florida and Bill Penley, in Iuka, Mississippi.

Pastor's Wife Dies

Mrs. Donald O'Quinn, 37, wife of the pastor of First Church, Charleston, died suddenly and unexpectedly Sunday night, March 6.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the time the Baptist Record went to press.

Off The Record

The champion athlete in bed with a cold was told that he had a temperature.

"How high is it, Doctor?" he wanted to know.

"A hundred and one."

"What's the world's record?"

A son at college wrote his father: "Dear Dad—You haven't sent me a check in two weeks. What sort of kindness is that?"

His father replied, "Dear Son—That is unremitting kindness."

Al: "I saved up some money and bought a farm ten miles long and one inch wide."

Sal: "What are you going to raise on it?"

Al: "Spaghetti."

A man decided to carry home a heavy grandfather's clock which his wife had bought in an antique shop. As he staggered down the street almost hidden by the clock, a sympathetic passerby stopped him and asked, "Have you ever tried a wrist watch?"

John: "I joked with the butcher and asked him for a yard of pork."

Tom: "What did he give you?"

John: "Three pig's feet."

The old truck driver passed the cute redhead, popped on brakes and yelled, "Hi, ya, babe!" The redhead threw back her head in the air and said, "I beg your pardon. That's no way to talk to a girl whose telephone number is 256-6025."

A man coming home from work one evening noticed a sign that his son had tacked up on the front of the house. It said: "Dog for sale — one cent." The man told his son to think in bigger terms. One cent was too low a price to pay for a dog, he said. The next day, the boy changed the sign to read: "Dog for sale — \$10,000." When his father came home that night he noticed that the sign was gone. "Did you sell your \$10,000 dog?" he asked his son. "Yes," the boy said, "But I had to take as a trade-in two \$5,000 cats."

A life-insurance salesman was standing beside a tractor trying to sell a farmer a policy, but the farmer, looking down, said, "No, sir, I want no life insurance — when I die I want it to be a sad day for everybody." — GLORIA FITZER.

A couple vacationing in Rome were being shown through the Colosseum. "Now this is the room," said the guide, "where the slaves dressed to fight the lions." "But how does somebody dress to fight lions?" asked the Mrs. "Very slowly," replied the guide.



Sharon and Ricky

Ventriloquist Decides To Be Missionary

Miss Sharon Wilson, a student at Clarke College, surrendered her life to the Lord's call to missions during a recent worship service at the Hanging Moss Baptist Church in Jackson. Since making this decision, her ability as a ventriloquist has been used to win others to the Lord. She and "Ricky" have appeared at banquets, children's churches, revival crusades, and regular worship services across our State. "Ricky" presents the claims of Christ in a unique manner which captivates his audiences regardless of their ages. They are available to churches on a free-will offering basis on weekends during the remainder of the school term.

However, invitations will be accepted for Youth Retreats, Vacation Bible Schools, Revival Crusades, regular Worship Services, or other special church services during the summer months. Sharon and "Ricky" may be contacted at 145 Green Harbor Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39206 or at telephone number 362-1350.

Sharon's father, Paul Wilson, is pastor of the Hanging Moss Baptist Church.

First, Ellisville, Presents Pageant On History Of WMU

WMU of First Church, Ellisville, observed WMU Focus Week, February 13-19, by the presentation of a pageant, "This Is Your Life, Mississippi WMU," and a book fair.

The fellowship hall was the setting for the meeting where a chicken-spaghetti supper was served preceding the program.

The area where the pageant was presented was centered with a large gold picture frame, decorated in centennial WMU seals. Each historical character, in costume of her era, appeared in the picture frame as she gave her part in Mississippi WMU history.

To the right of the picture frame was a podium with a big red heart marker — "Hearts the Lord Opened" — "This is your life, Mississippi WMU" — from which Mrs. Jeff Walters narrated the pageant. To the left of the picture frame was a large poster, upon which red hearts were placed with names of missionaries on the prayer calendar. Mrs. Clark Measels, Baptist Young Women's director, led a devotion based on Psalm 105:3, "Let the heart of them rejoice, that seek the Lord." Mrs. Harold Hardee, WMU director,



Left to right are Mrs. Harold Hardee, WMU director at First, Ellisville; W. C. Burns, pastor; and Mrs. Jeff Walters, Centennial chairman.

led the prayer for the missionaries on the prayer calendar. The program concluded with the singing of the Mississippi WMU Centennial Hymn. The pastor, W. C. Burns, gave the closing prayer.

The following characters were portrayed: Mrs. J. L. Johnson Sr. by Mrs. Clifford Watson; Mrs. A. J. Aven by Mrs. W. C. Reynolds; Miss Margaret Lackey by Mrs. M. P. Carter; Miss Fannie Traylor by Mrs. S. M. Thomas; Mrs. Frances Landrum Tyler by Mrs. Carl Wilson; Miss Nell Taylor by Mrs. Vencie Clay; Miss Edwina Robinson by Mrs. H. E. Myers.

The Book Fair used the theme of Focus Week, "To Know is to Grow."

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Revival Dates

Mt. Zion Church, Florence: March 9-13; youth-led revival; Dennis Duvall, evangelist; Stan Weatherford; song director; Cynthia Hammock, pianist; Nancy Myers, testimony; Rev. Milton Sargeant, pastor.

Crooked Creek Church, Silver Creek: March 13-18; Toxie Hedgepeth, evangelist; services Sunday morning and afternoon with lunch in fellowship hall; Monday - Friday at 7 p.m.; W. M. Buffington, pastor.

Eastside Church, Rankin County: March 13-18; Grey Allison, president of Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; Hubert Greer of Mendenhall, full-time music evangelist; singer; Howard Benton, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Midway Church, Pontotoc: March 13-18; Lamar Pickens, Pastor of Bellevue Church, Pontotoc, evangelist; music under direction of Mrs. W. C. Mathews; regular services on Sunday; Monday - Friday, evening services; pastor, Winston Ross.

Second Avenue Pastor Retires

Joel C. Murphy, pastor of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, retired from active pastorate on February 28, and was honored with a special service and reception by the church on Sunday evening, February 27.



Murphy was ordained to the ministry in 1938 by the Valance Street Church of New Orleans and entered immediately into his first pastorate, the Bogue Falaya Church at Covington, Louisiana. His pastorates have been in three states, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. In July of 1970 he moved to the Laurel church from Citadel Square Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

Murphy entered Clarke College in 1937, and surrendered to preach at the Newton Church on January 2, 1937. He attended Mississippi College, where he graduated in 1941, and while there was President of the Ministerial Alliance. He graduated from New Orleans Seminary with a Doctor of Theology degree.

In December, 1938, Murphy married Ava Dorothy Mae Foy. They are the parents of three children, John Charles Murphy of Roswell, New Mexico; Joel Ray Murphy of Laurel; and Mrs. Bill Hayes of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

The special program honoring Murphy featured all the members of his family, including his three children and his mother and sisters. Joel Ray led the singing and rendered special music, and John Charles was the featured speaker. Chairman of Deacons Howard Morgan was moderator. The program also included singing by Wilfred Valentine, minister of music at Second Avenue, and his wife Linda.

A reception in Fellowship Hall followed the special service.

Whitesand Church, Prentiss: March 16-20, Terry L. Long, William Carey College student, evangelist; Ricky Hamm, University of Southern Mississippi, and minister of music at FBC, McLaurin, music director; services at 7:15 p.m.; Billy Greene, pastor.

Big Creek (Wayne): March 20-25; Charles Shipman, evangelist; Jimmy Knight, minister of music at Calvary, Waynesboro, leading singing; Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weeknight services at 7:30 p.m. Franklin McLelland, pastor.

Ebenezer, Senatobia: youth led revival, March 13-18; Gary Crowell, pastor, Locowa church, evangelist; Thomas Barnes, pastor, Sardis Lake church, music director; Claude Lazenby, pastor.

Crosby Church, Crosby: Mar. 13-18, Vic. Carter, pastor of Palestine church, Rio, La., evangelist; Larry Hudson, Walker church, Walker, La., music director. Services at 7 p.m. Farrell McMorris is pastor.

Center Terrace Church, Canton: March 13-18; T. J. Delaughter, evangelist; Edwin McNeely, music evangelist; services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Zack Winningham, pastor.

New Hope Church, Route 3, Ellisville: March 13-18; Chuck Kelley of New Orleans, evangelist; music under direction of Tom Wells of New Orleans; regular services on Sunday; teaching sessions for the youth Monday - Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.; night services at 7; Earl Clark, pastor.

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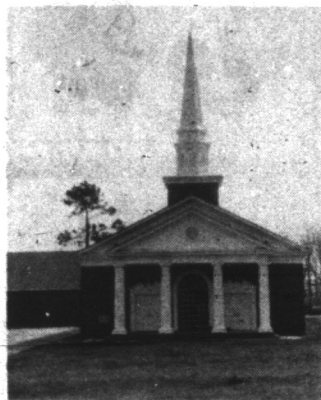
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Just For The Record



Abbeville First Baptist Church recently held a note burning and dedication service for the large fellowship building. It consists of a modern kitchen, rest rooms, storage closets and a large dining hall, which is also used for classrooms. The building

committee was left to right: Wayne Ward; Jessie Smith; Thomas R. Gunter; Glen Klepzig; Donald Roy; and Millard L. Swinney, pastor. The chairman of the committee John M. Roy, was unable to be there on that day.



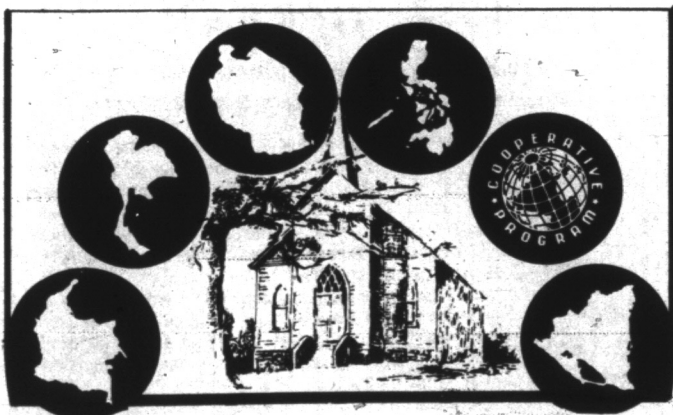
Gary Bowlin and members of the West McComb Baptist Church (formerly Sunny Hill) extend an invitation to all former and charter members, former pastors and friends to attend the Dedication Services for the sanctuary which was recently completed.

On March 13th, there will be morning services, dinner on the ground and the dedication service at 2:00 that afternoon.

Ten Beatitudes For The Aging

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and palsied hands
Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say
Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow
Blessed are they who looked away at coffee I spilled at the table today
Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while
Blessed are they who never say you've told that story twice today
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays
Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross
Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

Auburn-Opelika News



Our Church . . .

. . . And The Cooperative Program

By Joe McKeever
Pastor, First, Columbus

Some time ago a committee from our church was interviewing a prospective staff member in a distant city. In giving a profile of this church, the chairman pointed out that we give 26% of our income through the Cooperative Program.

"Huh," the staff worker grunted. "If people knew what went with that Cooperative Program money, they wouldn't be so quick to give to it."

The interesting thing about his snide remark was that the members of that committee knew a great deal more about what happens to the Cooperative Program money than he. One member, a dentist, serves on the State Convention Board and sees intimately the varied needs which this money ministers to. Another is the chairman of deacons, who has 25 years of deep involvement in the Lord's work in his church and throughout the state. The

women on the committee know personally of the dedicated service rendered by many state, home and foreign workers—all supported by our gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The First Baptist Church of Columbus believes strongly in the Cooperative Program as the best method yet for ministering to many needs in a simple efficient manner. In the past three years its gifts through this channel have increased from \$58,000 to \$105,000 annually.

We feel somewhat like Churchill did as he spoke of democracy — while it obviously has its flaws, it's better than all the other systems. The Cooperative Program may not be perfect, but it's the best method yet for what it does: support Christ's work in all aspects and all places at all times.

Third in the state in per member giving through the Cooperative Program, First, Columbus gave \$67.17 or an increase of \$12.07 per member in 1976.

Evangelism Tapes Are Available

Cassette tapes of the Evangelism Conference are available by ordering from Wayne Long Taping Service, Box 145, Lambert, Mississippi 38643.

The following tapes are \$3.00 each: Lehman Strauss, "Rigged For the Journey"; Lehman Strauss, "The Test of Trials"; Lehman Strauss, "The Test of Temptations"; Lehman Strauss, "The Test of Truth"; Lehman Strauss, "The Test of the Tongue"; Landrum Leavell, "The Stripped Down Church"; Landrum Leavell, "The Power of the Holy Spirit"; Jack Stanton, "The Church Ministering to the World Through Evangelism"; Jack Stanton, "How To Get the Most Out of Life"; Howard Foshee, "Do

You Believe In The Word Impossible"; Howard Foshee, "Pastors and Deacons Working Together"; "Special Music" at the conference.

The following tapes are \$3.00, but any TWO messages may be put on one tape: Russell Bush, "Reminders for Evangelism"; John McCall, "Basics of Evangelism"; John Brock, "Developing an Evangelistic Church"; Marvin Graham, "Stand In Your Place"; John Causey, "Put Jesus in the Center."

Zeal is fit for the wise, but it is found mostly in fools.

There will be a Missionary Prayer Retreat at the Wayside Baptist Church in Warren County, March 16-20. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graham, former missionaries to Jamaica and Guyana, will be the guest speakers. Meetings will be held at 7:30 each evening except Sunday.

There will be day sessions Thursday and Friday beginning at 10:30 with pot luck lunch after the meetings. Mrs. Graham will be teaching the mission book "Stronger Than Mushrooms," Friday morning. The public is invited. Alton Hodnett is pastor.



The Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on February 27, ordained four men as deacons. They are, l to r: Lamar Crocker, pastor; John Woodruff, Frank Woodruff, Billy Carl Irwin, Oliver Nelson. Dewey Roach gave the charge to the deacons. Each was presented a certificate of ordination and a copy of The Ministry of the Deacon by Howard Foshee.

Silver City Dedicates

Silver City Baptist Church is holding a dedication service for its building and property, March 13.

Charles Treadway, staff member of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will deliver the dedicatory address at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

All members, former members, and friends are invited for lunch in the church fellowship hall, immediately after the morning service. C. C. Carraway is pastor.

Gloria Roe Sings At Morrison Hgts.

Gloria Roe presented a Sacred Music concert March 6 during the evening worship service at Morrison Heights Baptist Church.

One of America's most gifted performers, composers, and arrangers, Gloria has appeared at the White House three times, featured pianist-singer with Fred Waring, and participated in USO tours all over the world. She has studied concert piano under the famed Francis Zulaqinski (a student of Paderewski) and made her musical debut at Carnegie Hall at age eleven. Miss Roe has received several awards for her musical ability, including a Grammy Award nomination in 1975 and an evangelical film festival award for best original film score in 1969, and in 1977 she was elected to the Sacred Music Hall of Fame.

She has been featured musical guest at the Billy Graham's New York Crusade, Campus Crusade for Christ's Expo '74 and the Southern Baptist Convention in 1976. She composed the piano score for Jerome Hines' sacred opera, "I Am the Way". Charles Gentry is pastor.

Pryor Accepts Award From MC

Paul J. Pryor, right, Executive Director of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, has received the Mississippi College "Service to Humanity" award "for exceptional contribution to his denomination and his community."

Pryor has served as the chief executive officer of the hospital for over 21 years and is a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and a former president of the Mississippi Hospital Association.

Lewis Nobles, left, President of Mississippi College, presented the award at a recent dinner at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

The college is making these awards as part of its 150th anniversary as an educational institution, said Nobles, based upon "contributions to church, community and state or any activity which has demonstrated a humanitarian service."

BANGKOK, Thailand — Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Fox recently held a buffet dinner for all the parents and teachers of students who live in the hostel where they are dormitory parents. The dormitory, provided by the Foreign Mission Board, is located across the street from the International School in Bangkok where the MK's (children of missionaries) attend.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Have you thought about friendship lately?

Have you ever counted the kinds of friends you have? Kinfolk friends, church friends, business friends, recreation friends, school friends, hobby friends, club friends, neighborhood friends, mutual friends of other friends.

And the depth of your relationship to each? Shallow, medium, deep, casual, warm, close.

Their ages? Younger than you to keep you on your toes, same age to be able to sympathize, older than you to reach back and give you a hand.

Why they're friends? Common interests and goals, common joys, common troubles.

How often you see them? Daily, yearly, when you need them, when they need you, rarely ever.

How long they've been your friends? Since childhood, school days, a long time, a short time, forever, it seems.

What friends do? Agree, disagree, need help, want to help.

What you can do with them? Laugh, cry, relax, play, work, learn.

How you can lose them? Betray confidences, talk negatively, imagine things, neglect them, among a million other ways.

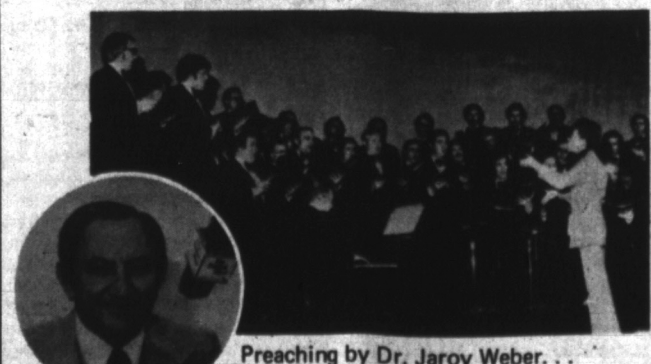
How important each friend really is to you? No matter his rank on the scale of friendship, no matter the intensity of feeling involved.

Friends are important. I have tried to imagine one full month of my life without friends. It would be like flowers without color, food without seasoning, candy without sweetening, a check that couldn't be cashed, like starving outside a stocked, locked pantry, as lonely as the first week each of my boys was away at college, as fallen apart as my first chocolate cakes, as uneasy as my first driving lessons, as long as a clock could stretch the calendar.

When you are counting your blessings, be sure to say, "Thank you, Lord, for friends." And remember to be one.

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Bruce Church Observes Its 50th Anniversary

First Baptist Church in Bruce is 50 years old and will observe its golden anniversary in special services this October.

B. J. Bennett, chairman of the committee to plan the church's semi-centennial said, "We are very excited over the opportunity to have a 50th year celebration and the committee will be working very hard on plans for an occasion we hope everyone will enjoy."

Committee members are Bennett, Jim Jeffreys, Darrel Maddox, Mrs. J. R. Henry, Mrs. J. R. Young, and Mrs. S. Gale Denley.

L. E. Gandy, church pastor, said records indicate the church was formed in the fall of 1927 with 46 members.

According to a history compiled in 1955, the church was "mothered by the

old Mt. Comfort Missionary Baptist Church. "In September, 1927," the historian wrote, "the Mt. Comfort Missionary Baptist Church . . . voted to transfer the church to the Town of Bruce. A building was erected in Bruce soon thereafter and First Baptist Church was instituted."

According to church records a number of charter members are still living. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Foster, Mrs. L. E. Shelton, Mrs. J. P. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beckett, Sr., Veto Cleveland, Mrs. Glennie Branum, Mrs. Lillian Harper, Mrs. Itura Whitworth, William Johnson, Mrs. Clemmie Branum, Mrs. Frances Bramlett, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Snellings, W. H. Thompson, J. B. Adams, Mrs. Ola Scroggins, Mrs. Birdie Beckett Branum, Mrs. Arvilla Cleveland Bogus and Mrs. Alma Smallwood Reynolds.

Since that time the church membership has steadily grown and resident membership of First Baptist is now 690, according to Gandy. Total enrollment which includes those who live away but still hold membership is 850.

In recent years, the church has added an educational building, remodelled and enlarged the sanctuary, and most recently, completed a new pastoral home. Future plans call for more building and remodeling.

"In the meanwhile," Bennett said, "the committee would like to have access to any old records or information that anyone might have relating to the church's early history."

The church's celebration coincides with the town's semi-centennial observance which will also be held this year, in June.

Former Wesson Pastor To BSSB

NASHVILLE — Eli B. Landrum Jr. recently was named Bible study content specialist in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department.

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board, Landrum served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala. He also has been pastor of Westson (Miss.) Baptist Church and assistant to the pastor at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

While in Wesson, he taught at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and was an advisor for the campus Baptist Student Union there.

The Mississippi native is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received the B.D. and Th.D. degrees.

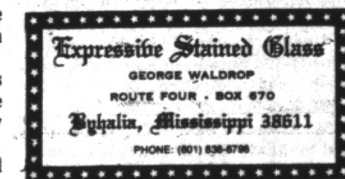
Potts Camp

Selects Yokemen

First Church, Potts Camp, went further into the Deacon Family Ministry Plan on February 6, by selecting and dedicating seven yokemen to serve as partners with the active deacons.

The seven yokemen and seven deacons knelt around the altar with their pastor as prayers of dedication were uttered to God for a fruitful ministry. The pastor, Alvis K. Cooper said, "I've never seen anything take hold and stir such a feeling of brotherly love and commitment to God as this new emphasis on reaching the inactive church members and the community for Christ. A feeling of love and concern is being felt among the members."

The men chosen as yokemen were Johnny Westmoreland, Harold Rainey, T. L. Reed, Ralph Ritts, Roy Foote, Len Marbury, and Hubert Gandy, Jr., all of the Potts Camp community.



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In appreciation for ten years of faithful service, Carroll-Montgomery Association presented to Lavon Hatten and Mrs. Hatten a check to be used for a tour of the Holy Land. Left to right, Joe Hardin, treasurer of the associations; Mrs. Hatten; Hatten; and John Wade, pastor of the Vaiden Church, who instigated the effort. The exact time and tour have not been selected.

Names In The News



Officers of the Mississippi Club at New Orleans Seminary are shown. Left-Right: Roy McKay, PR Chairman from Columbus; Russell McIntire, vice president of development for the seminary, sponsor; Daniel Forsee, vice-president from Biloxi; Manuel Weeks, secretary-treasurer from Tutwiler; and President Jimmy Dukes of Cleveland. (NOBS PHOTO)

William Carey College science student, Gary Bonner of Waynesboro, has been notified of his acceptance to the University of Mississippi Dental School for the fall of 1977. The son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bonner, Gary is a graduate of both Waynesboro Central High School and of Jones Junior College. He will receive his bachelor's degree from William Carey College in May of this year.

Bob Sandefur of Omak, Wash., has been approved to receive Church Pastoral Aid (CPA) by the Home Mission Board. Sandefur will continue to pastor the Valley Baptist Chapel in Omak. He is a native of Iuka, Miss.

Judith Ann Wooldridge recently was named as a consultant in the youth section of the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. A native of Missouri, Miss Wooldridge attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton. She received the M.R.E. degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Edythe Montroy, emeritus missionary to Nigeria, may be addressed at 241 Sage Ave., Drew, Miss. 32737. She retired due to a medical disability in 1971.



Lewis Gooch has moved to Shaw, Miss., as Pastor of the Shaw Baptist Church. Pictured with him are his wife, Gwen, and their two children, Pattie and Tony. The Gooch family moved to Shaw from the Tinsley Baptist Church, Tinsley, Mississippi, where Lewis served as Pastor. Lewis holds a Diploma in Theology from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, and a BA degree in Psychology from Mississippi College, Clinton. Gwen attended the University of Georgia where she studied nursing and Baptist Bible Institute where she studied religious education. Lewis answered God's call into the Gospel Ministry in 1970. At that time he was employed by an Aero Space Firm in Huntsville, Alabama, as a Technical Writer.

Steps in church long-range planning will be outlined at Nashville during a March seminar offered by the Sunday School Board's church administration department. Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, will be on the program. Planning for Church Growth, a five-day seminar designed for pastors, church staff members, church long-range planning committee members and church council members, will be March 14-18 in the Sunday School Board's Church Program Training Center.

Robert M. Hanvey, pastor of Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, has been selected to appear in the second edition of *Who's Who in Religion*. Hanvey has been pastor of the Easthaven church since January 6, 1974.

Paul and Brenda Lee, missionaries to Spain, may be addressed at Paseo al Moi, 119-4-D, Valencia 13, Spain. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Glen Savell, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Lacey's Spring, Alabama, has been selected to appear in the second edition of *Who's Who in Religion*. He is a former pastor of the Eastlawn Church in Pascagoula. He served for three years as a fulltime evangelist. At Lacey's Spring Church last year they baptized 100. Savell, native of Mississippi, is married to the former Becky Seale and has three daughters.

Jimmy Smith is the new associate pastor and minister of education at First, West Point.



A graduate of Mississippi State University, he received the Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary. While a senior at MSU he was interim minister of music at First, West Point. He was also a member of a College Revival Team and a BSU summer missionary. Since being licensed to the ministry in 1968, he has served a fifteen-month pastorate and other churches as youth and music director or associate pastor. He is married to the former Julia Shannon of Pontotoc. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Athel Smith of Booneville.

Louin Church has announced the resignation of Howard Davis. Pastor at Louin for nine years, Davis is leaving to accept the pastorate of churches in Webster County. At a supper February 17, the church presented to Davis and his family an engraved silver tray and a nice check. Mrs. Joe Holder, WMU director, made the presentation. During the nine years that Davis has been pastor at Louin, new pews and a new carpet have been installed at the church and a new parsonage has been bought.



Carl Savell, right, pastor of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson for nine years, discusses a list of priorities for the minister with Ed Onley, left, director of church-community ministries for the Capital Baptist Association in Oklahoma City, during a Personal and Professional Growth Course at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Walter Bennett, standing, is one of the course's two directors. The 12-day course is conducted by the pastoral section of the board's church administration department.

The Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the current school year has been awarded to Jerry Lynn Gentry of Clinton. Gentry, son of Charles Gentry and Mrs. Gentry, of Clinton, is a ministerial student at the college. His father is pastor of the Morrison Heights Church in Clinton and his mother is an instructor in speech at the college. Young Gentry is a graduate of Clinton High School.



The new MISS CAREY COLLEGE, crowned on February 22, is Suzanne Freeman, sophomore music education major from Gautier, who holds membership in First Church, Moss Point. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman. She will reign as Homecoming Queen on March 26. In July she will represent her college at the state pageant in Vicksburg. Last year's winner, Bobby Wood, went on to capture the Miss Mississippi title.

James Kerry Nations, Jr., of Jackson has been awarded the T. M. Hederman, III, Memorial Scholarship at Mississippi College for the 1977-78 school session according to Van D. Quick, vice-president for student affairs and chairman of the Financial Aids Committee. Nations, son of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Nations, Sr. of Jackson, will graduate from Forest Hill High School this spring. He expects to study medicine or law at Mississippi College.

Cliff Temple Baptist Church ordained David Upton and Danny Goldman to the deacon ministry Sunday night, February 27.

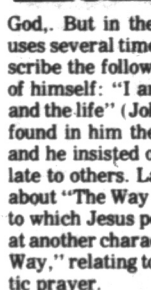
The pastor Bryant Hazlip, presented them with a certificate of ordination and a gift copy of the book *The Ministry of the Deacon*.

Sunday School Lesson: International For March 13

The Way Of Authentic Prayer

By Wm. J. Fallis
Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-14

Nothing in the Gospels hints that Jesus intended to start a new religion. He was faithful in synagogue attendance on the sabbath; he went to Jerusalem for the Passover; he quoted the Law and the Prophets. Although he was criticized by both Pharisees and Sadducees, he never renounced his Jewish faith in God. But in the book of Acts, Luke uses several times the word *way* to describe the followers of Jesus. He said of himself: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). His disciples found in him the saving way to God, and he insisted on a loving way to relate to others. Last Sunday we talked about "The Way of Unselfish Service" to which Jesus pointed; today we look at another characteristic of the "Jesus Way," relating to God through authentic prayer.



Following Jesus' Model (Luke 11:1-14)

Pious Jews in Jesus' day had three times daily for reciting the same prayer. Evidently his disciples were dissatisfied with what they were doing and wanted prayer to be more meaningful. Jesus responded to their request with a short and simple petition that is yet broad and comprehensive; a model for praying. It was not intended as a substitute for real praying.

It begins with the recognition of God's nearness as "Father" and his otherness "in heaven." Immediately it adds four words to capture the awe in God's presence. The prayer then asks that God's reign might begin, that he might soon be acknowledged as Lord everywhere. When that time came, his will would control those on earth as it does those in heaven. Because Jesus was sensitive to everyday human needs, he included "daily bread" in his Model Prayer. Then he turned to another common need; forgiveness—both from God and among persons. He closed the prayer with a dual petition for deliverance from temptation (testing) and from the evil one. Here is pattern enough for all our praying. While other petitions can be added, the believer knows that the Father will respond to these concerns.

Persisting In A Good Cause (Luke 11:5-13)

Verses 5-8 tell a little story with a

touch of humor to illustrate the value of persistence. Midnight was a very late hour for people who had no electric lights. The "loaves" were not as large as ours; they were flat discs of varying sizes. Verse 7 does not mean that the whole family was in the same bed. After much knocking and calling by the neighbor, the friend will fumble in the dark and thrust the loaves through the door so he can get back to sleep. Jesus suggested that any of the disciples would do the same thing.

That was the kind of persistence he had in mind when he said they should ask, seek, and knock. It would show that the believer was really serious about whatever he wanted, and that he would demonstrate his faith that God would prepare him for whatever answer God would give, perhaps something different and better. Then Jesus reassured his disciples: God would not disappoint or cheat the persistent

prayer. If mere men who are all sinners know how to give good things to their children, the Father will give the best gift of all—the Holy Spirit—to everyone who asks.

Showing The Right Spirit (Luke 18:9-14)

This third principle in practicing the way of authentic prayer is humility. In four crisp verses Jesus portrayed vividly the difference between pride and humility in prayer—really, in one's whole relationship with God. The Pharisee stood in a prominent place and recounted his good deeds and his superiority over others, never recognizing his sin of pride. The despised tax collector stood where he would not be noticed, and without looking up to God, he beat on his breast and begged for mercy. That attitude, Jesus said, was acceptable by God; the other was rejected.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For March 13

The Disciple Who Denied Jesus

By Bill Duncan
Long Beach, First

Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; 24:33-34

The story of Peter and his denial of the Lord is true of so many who want to live up to their ideals but fail to do so.



In our last study we saw how that Judas acted by purpose and plan in his failure. The experience of Peter was tripping and falling unexpectedly. The story of Christianity is love for those who try but fail. We all slip and fall. But we must be willing to accept help in getting up. The forgiveness of God is available to those who will repent and accept God's love and forgiveness.

Do you have a theology of failure? There is no doubt that a believer can experience serious breakdown in loyalty to Christ and he can be restored. We need to experience patience toward those who fail. No one I know is above failure or beyond reconciliation. If you have failed Christ by denying Him under pressure, you can repent

and receive forgiveness and restoration.

Warning

Jesus was careful to warn Peter about the seriousness of denial. The double address, "Simon, Simon," expressed Jesus' deep personal feeling and concern. Yet the statement of Satan was given to all the disciples. "Satan hath desired to have you." This is not surprising that he wanted to tempt the apostles. Satan had been given permission to shake the disciples like a sieve. The reason God allowed Satan to do so was that they might be made strong. The sifting was the last step in cleaning of impurities. The sifting will identify who is false. It will also purify the disciples by revealing what is false in those who are true. By separating the false from the true, this process makes God's people more fully usable in His purposes.

"But I have prayed for thee"—you. This reference is singular. Thus the reference was to Simon Peter. Did God answer his prayer? What was his prayer? "That your faith will not fail (TEV)." There was failure, but not the collapse of faith. Jesus prayed for Peter's faith and in the end his prayer was even though Peter stumbled. If Peter's faith did not fail, what did?

Pastor Revisits India To Check Mission's Status

Harry Gipson, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Pearl, and layman, Cleo McKinion, made a return trip to South India in February, to evaluate the progress that has been made on missions that were started on a previous trip made in January, 1976. During this stay in India much needed equipment and supplies were purchased for the mission churches.

Plans were made for another mission project that is being sponsored by the Gum Springs Baptist Church of the Simpson County Association.

Gipson reports that the progress made during the past year was much greater than he anticipated in a year's time. He noted that there was much church growth, renovations and improvements of older existing missions.

Gipson would like to express his sincere gratitude to the many individuals and churches that were instrumental in the financial backing of this foreign mission project.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For March 13

The Disciple Who Denied Jesus

Perhaps it was courage. Peter became afraid and became a coward. Peter had been ready to die as a self-giving servant. But Peter was not ready to live around people who accused him of being a Christian.

The warning carried with it a promise, "And when you turn back to me, you must strengthen your brothers (TEV)." This denial was to be temporary.

The Drama

When the arresting officers carried Jesus to the high priest Caiaphas, Peter followed at a distance. This was hardly the place for one who had boasted that he was going to die for Jesus. There at the fire, Peter wanted to see what would happen. It was not the soldiers or the religious authorities but a servant girl who knew she had seen Peter with Jesus. A little servant girl frightened him to death. His reaction was exactly what Jesus had predicted. Peter vigorously denied even knowing Jesus. Later a man charged Peter with being one of the disciples. Again, Simon retorted with a denial of the allegation. About an hour later a third person, a man who had been studying Simon, affirmed strongly that Peter had been with Jesus. His assertion was based upon Peter's

Devotional

The Forks Of The Road

By Bobby C. Perry, Pastor, First, Moss Point

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter: . . ."



Clovis Chappell, the great Methodist, published a sermon on the experience of Moses entitled "At the Forks of the Road: Moses." The expression "the forks of the road" is an antiquated one. It doesn't refer to the cloverleaf in the highway, or even to a crossroads, but to a place in the lonely countryside where the road forks, angling in two directions. One fork goes to the right and the other to the left.

Moses had come to such a place in life. He now knew who he was, a son of Hebrew parents. He had come to realize more clearly what he ought to be. He stood at this strategically determining point in his life and he made a decision—a decision that meant a whole new way of life.

A MASTER IS CHOSEN and a new direction follows. Moses stood at the forks of the road between Egypt and Israel, between the pleasures of sin and the people of God, and made a choice. When he made this decision, it meant Midian and Horeb, conflicts with Pharaoh, the Red Sea, and the wilderness wanderings. A whole new direction of life opened up before him simply by virtue of the decision.

A NEW CHOICE OF VALUES is involved. Here was Moses confronting the issue. On one side was Egypt—"called the son of Pharaoh's daughter" and "the pleasures of sin for a season." This meant position; it meant wealth; it meant unlimited future. A young man could easily be dazzled by these things.

On the other side was Israel, the people of God. There would be affliction. There would be position, but position with awful responsibilities involved in it. There would be the weariness of wilderness wanderings and a lonely death.

Here a man stood with conflicting values on each side of him. When he chose, his choice was one of values. For Moses it was a choice with a future in the will of God.

THERE IS A NEW DEDICATION. The new dedication began with a great renunciation. The word "refused" indicates that it was a deliberate decision of renunciation. Most dedication begins with the ability of the individual to say "no."

The new dedication was a positive choice or commitment to a new way of life. The primary commitment was to the people of God.

A NEW SIGNIFICANCE is the result. Moses could have chosen to stay in Egypt. Yet he might have died unknown or forgotten. "Moses," someone might have said, "who was Moses?" In fact, no one probably would have known to ask the name. When he chose the people of God, he determined the significance of his life.

When a man stands at the forks of the road and makes the right decision, what enables him to do so? It is faith that gives a person the capacity to see the will of God. In such faith a person can make the right decision.

speech.

Each denial had entangled Peter more and more. First Peter had said, "Woman, I don't even know him." Later, "Man, I am not." Finally, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!"

Why had Peter done this thing? This was the question Peter asked himself. He "wept bitterly." He had meant to be loyal. When he lost his hope of Jesus taking a throne, he lost all sense of direction and purpose.

Forgiveness

There were many things that led Peter to the peace of forgiveness. Peter had no more than gotten the words of denial out of his mouth than the rooster crowed. Just as Jesus had said, "The Lord turned and looked upon Peter." The look was full of the tenderest pity. It was not anger but mercy that Peter saw. The look was

enough to break his heart. "Peter remembered the Lord's words." His memory was a blessing, for in the words of Jesus there had been both a warning and a promise. In that moment he was stripped of his pride and arrogance. All he could do was recognize his sin and call with repentance for help.

The story of Peter's denial is given to us so that we can understand what is happening to us. Satan is real. He is out to ambush us at every point. Therefore we need to proceed with caution. Do not say, "That is one thing I will never do." Overconfidence was one of Peter's weaknesses. The story says to me that prayer really pays. Jesus prayed for Peter and we need to pray for one another. When we have experiences, they can be used to strengthen other persons. Even when we fail, this can help someone else avoid the snares of Satan.